

Soviet leader admits rising Chernobyl toll

Moscow (AP) - The Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, said yesterday he is extending the Russian unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing until August 6 and invited President Reagan to meet him in a European city or Hiroshima to discuss a permanent test ban.

He told the Soviet people on television last night that nine people have died and 299 are in hospital from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, which he said apparently was caused by a power surge and hydrogen explosion.

The accident at Chernobyl showed again what an abyss will open if nuclear war befalls mankind, Mr Gorbachov said.

meet and discuss a test ban was not intended to replace the second summit. But no date has been set for that meeting.

Mr Gorbachov also proposed new international cooperation on nuclear power, suggesting a prompt warning system on accidents, expansion of the International Atomic Energy Agency and a conference.

He appeared willing to meet demands for increased cooperation of the IAEA and also to increase the role of the World Health Organization and United Nations environmental bodies in the development of nuclear power.

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Hoping for better luck in the quest for the Blue Ribband: Princess Michael of Kent yesterday launched Virgin Atlantic Challenger II at Lowestoft as Prince Michael (right) and Mr Richard Branson, the boat's owner, with daughter Holly, looked on. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Shipbuilding in crisis Opposition fury at redundancies

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Government announced yesterday a £10 million package to assist retraining and job creation in the North-east and other areas affected as it confirmed, to the fury of the Opposition, the plans of British Shipbuilders to make 3,500 workers redundant by March next year with the closure of yards at Middlesbrough, Troon and Wallsend.

Ministers were accused of being indifferent to what Labour MPs predicted was the imminent collapse of the shipbuilding industry after the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Paul Channon, blamed a lack of world orders for the inability of British Shipbuilders to maintain its present capacity.

Under the plans, Smith's Dock at Middlesbrough, employing 1,472 men, the Ferguson-Ailsa shipyard at Troon (378 workers) and the Clark Kincaid site at Wallsend (415 workers) will be closed by the end of the year and further cuts at other yards, bringing the total to 3,500, are to be negotiated as part of a two-year wage deal.

The Government support measures, dismissed by the chief Labour spokesman on trade and industry, Mr John Smith, as "no more than tiny pieces of sticking plaster over gaping wounds", feature a £5 million sum for British Shipbuilders to set up a subsidiary to provide expert services for those facing redundancy.

In addition, £1 million is to be provided by the Manpower Services Commission for retraining employees in co-operation with the Enterprise Corporation; £1 million through the city action team

for job creation and the stimulation of enterprise in the North-east; an extra £1 million for the derelict land reclamation programme in the North-east; and an extra £2 million under the urban programme.

Confirming the redundancies, Mr Channon said that British Shipbuilders won only 23,000 tonnes of orders last year. That was not for lack of government support; the problem was that orders were not there to be won.

Mr Smith said that the selling off of the naval shipyards had been a disgrace and the Government should have intervened by bringing forward public sector orders.

Mr Channon denied the assertion of Mr Smith and other Labour MPs that the industry was on the verge of disappearing.

Dismay over the announcement was not confined to the Labour benches.

Sir David Price, Conservative MP for Eastleigh, said it was the logical consequence of the rapid decline of the British merchant fleet.

He urged Mr Channon "even at this late hour" to support the merchant navy in the way other countries did.

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Critical Scottish test for Thatcher

From Richard Evans, Perth

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will face a critical test of her leadership when she arrives in Perth tomorrow for the Scottish Tories' Conference, where morale among party activists is close to an all-time low.

Battered by last Thursday's disastrous local election results, which ended with the party losing effective control of three regional councils, the party north of the border is engaged in anguished soul-searching.

With the majority of Scottish MPs knowing they face defeat at the next election unless there is a significant revival, senior party figures are openly critical of the Government performance and, in effect, of Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Brian Meek, convener of the Lothian Regional Council until last week's election defeats, expressed the fears felt by many.

What particularly saddened him about last week's elections "was that my party appeared to have alienated the young vote. There was not just disenchantment, there was open hostility."

It was a sentiment confirmed by Mr Iain McCrone, president of the Scottish Conservatives, who in his opening address to the conference yesterday said that the party could not afford to ignore the potential support of the young. He said: "A special effort is required to ensure that young people understand our policies."

Mr Meek said: "These were not local elections we had last week. They were not about Lothian's roadbuilding plans, Grampian's scheme for primary schools, nor even Liverpool's desire to confront the Government."

"Instead, we had voters telling the Conservative Party it has misjudged the mood very badly."

He said: "If the Prime Minister would put the same dynamism into solving domestic problems as she does on the international stage, then I for one would give her wholesale backing."

His conclusion is that Conservative Party fortunes will not be revived in Scotland or the rest of the UK until there is a substantial reduction in unemployment.

It is against that background that Mrs Thatcher has to prepare a special address for the Scottish troops.

As conference delegates arrived in Perth yesterday amid extraordinarily tight security, it appeared the last thing they wanted to hear from Mrs Thatcher was a recipe for more of the same.

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The Geldof Band Aid wagon presents Sport Aid, racing against time for the starving of Africa

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Russians expel US 'spy envoy'

From Christopher Walker Moscow

A US diplomat has been expelled from Moscow after being caught in a clandestine meeting with a Soviet citizen recruited by US intelligence, Tass said last night.

The agency said that Mr Eric Sites, a defence attaché, had been arrested on May 7. Materials seized from him "fully disclose his intelligence activities incompatible with his official status".

It alleged that the arrest of Mr Sites had thwarted "a big espionage action" of the US secret services.

It said he was declared persona non grata and that there was an investigation into the "affairs of the agent of American intelligence", a reference to the Soviet citizen involved.

A spokesman at the US Embassy here later confirmed the expulsion and said that Mr Sites had already left Russia.

In March of this year Mr Michael Sellers, a Second Secretary at the embassy, was expelled in similar circumstances. At the time, Tass used virtually identical phrasing to say he had been caught during a clandestine meeting with a Soviet citizen and was guilty of espionage.

WASHINGTON: The White House spokesman confirmed last night that Mr Sites had been asked to leave the Soviet Union (Mikhail Ali writes).

He said Mr Sites was a civilian employee of the Defence Department.

Damascus helping on hostages

From Michael Binyon Washington

The White House said yesterday that Syria was still engaged in efforts to free the American hostages in Lebanon, and the Reagan Administration had no conclusive proof on Syrian complicity in the recent Arab terrorist incidents in London and West Berlin.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said the US was in contact with Britain over the attempted bombing of an El Al plane and with Bonn over the March attack on a German-Arab friendship society.

He would not say in what way Damascus was engaged in efforts to free the five hostages, but said in the past Syria had been "helpful" and continued to be so.

The five men were in good shape and the US had nothing to indicate that Mr William Buckley, a hostage claimed to have been killed last October, was not still alive.

Mr Speakes's remarks followed a report by CBS Television that President Assad of Syria was trying to free the hostages to improve his international image.

Meanwhile Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, said that there was a highly tense situation between Israel and Syria. He added: "We don't believe war between Israel and Syria would serve either party's interests and we have cautioned against it."

Mr Shultz said Syria had been moving fortifications forward in Lebanon.

The slow death of a once-great town

By Peter Davenport

Middlesbrough has become used in the past decade to bad news about employment, but yesterday's announcement that Teesside's last remaining shipyard was to close was a body blow.

In the two areas closest to Smith's Docks, every other man is already out of work and the grim realization in the town yesterday was that many of them will never work again.

The loss of the 1,300 jobs at the yard is also expected to put another 1,200 people out of work in related industries. And it is just not Middlesbrough that will feel the effects.

In the past 10 years Cleveland has gone from being a boom area of chemical and steel to a region without hope.

Ten years ago the unemployment rate in the county was 4.3 per cent, one of the lowest in the country, but now the figure stands at 23 per cent, which according to county council officials yesterday gave it the worst rate in the United Kingdom.

In Middlesbrough the figure is 25 per cent and in the two communities nesting alongside the docks, South Bank and Grangetown, the rate is 50 per cent.

Tory gains in danger, says Biffen

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, yesterday warned that the Government's achievements could be wiped out by a Labour or an Alliance victory at the next election.

In a speech directed as much at the Prime Minister as at voters, Mr Biffen said: "Success in that vital contest will go to those who win the affection and the judgement of the British public."

Mr Biffen said on Sunday that the Conservatives should fight the election with a "balanced ticket" of ministerial talents to deflect attempts to exploit Mrs Thatcher's supposed failings.

He made no reference to the Prime Minister in a speech to the Parliamentary Press Gallery in the Commons yesterday. But Mr Biffen's speech will be seen as a warning to the party leadership that it should not jeopardize the advances made since 1979.

Mr Biffen said that inflation had been brought down from just over 10 per cent to just over 4 per cent; property ownership had been spread through council house sales and privatization; the economy had been liberalized with the abolition of price, dividend and exchange controls; and trade union reforms had had a dramatic impact on industrial relations.

"They are in their totality the most formidable achievements. They will match, I believe, what was secured by the Liberal Government before 1914 and what was achieved by the Labour Party in that great, innovative Parliament after 1945," Mr Biffen said.

Shares plunge after NatWest rights issue

National Westminster Bank sent the share market reeling yesterday by announcing a £714 million rights issue, the biggest ever on the London Stock Exchange.

More than £3.6 billion was wiped off share prices, particularly those of leading banks. Dealers said investor worries about finding the necessary cash overshadowed hopes of lower interest rates.

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Teacher trainees to rise by 2,160

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday announced plans to strengthen teacher training as the controversy over education policy was fuelled by two independent reports which underlined the lack of central control over schools.

In one of his final announcements before he relinquishes his post in the imminent reshuffle, Sir Keith said in a written Commons reply that he was increasing the target number of teacher trainees for 1987-89 by 2,160.

He said: "My basic aim has been to allocate the overall numbers to institutions in the way most likely to foster the further development of a high-quality, cost-effective and resilient system of initial teacher training capable of responding flexibly to changing demands in the 1990s."

These demands will be critically determined by the Conservative Party's manifesto proposals, which Sir Keith is expected to formulate once he leaves the Department of Education and Science, and their appeal to the voters at the next election.

But further indications of the difficulties faced by Sir Keith and the Conservatives were delivered in two reports published yesterday.

The Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales said that only a quarter of local education authorities had responded fully to falling school rolls.

The report said that the present grant distribution system could penalize authorities which wanted to invest in reorganization and suggested that every authority should consider redeploying teachers, using more part-time staff and encouraging early retirements.

It estimated that if no changes were made the equivalent of 1,000 schools could be empty within five years.

Senior Conservatives have floated the possibility of introducing a system of direct grant schools for the inner cities in a bid to overcome educational problems.

Riot police in Toxteth raid

Police in riot gear sealed off part of Toxteth, Liverpool, last night while drug squad officers raided three houses after complaints from residents.

A woman, allegedly in possession of heroin, was arrested. Merseyside police said that the atmosphere was tense but police were explaining the reason for the activity.

Advertisement for 'The Weatherall 1986 Property Report' by Green & Smith, including contact information and a 'JUST PUBLISHED' banner.

NHS spending switch away from London mad, MP says

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The Government's policy of taking health service spending out of London to poorer parts of the National Health Service was yesterday branded as "sheer political madness" by a leading Conservative backbencher.

Mr John Wheeler, Conservative MP for Westminster North and chairman of the London Conservative MPs, yesterday wrote to the Prime Minister calling for an urgent review of the formula of the resource allocation working party (RAWP) which is transferring money from London and the four Thames health regions to the rest of the NHS.

"No matter how hard we try," he told the Prime Minister, "there is no way in which the Government or MPs will be able to convince the people of London that there is increased spending on the health service or indeed improvements in it when virtually every local London newspaper and freshet carries on a weekly basis stories of ward closures and health service cuts."

All the RAWP policy was doing, he said, is "ensure we lose thousands of votes in London."

Mr Wheeler's warning to the Prime Minister comes after a series of London ward closures and cuts in planned operations in recent months as health authorities have struggled to stay within budget, and a letter to *The Times*

earlier this week from consultants and 11 London teaching hospitals warning that in inner London the population "is no longer receiving an adequate service."

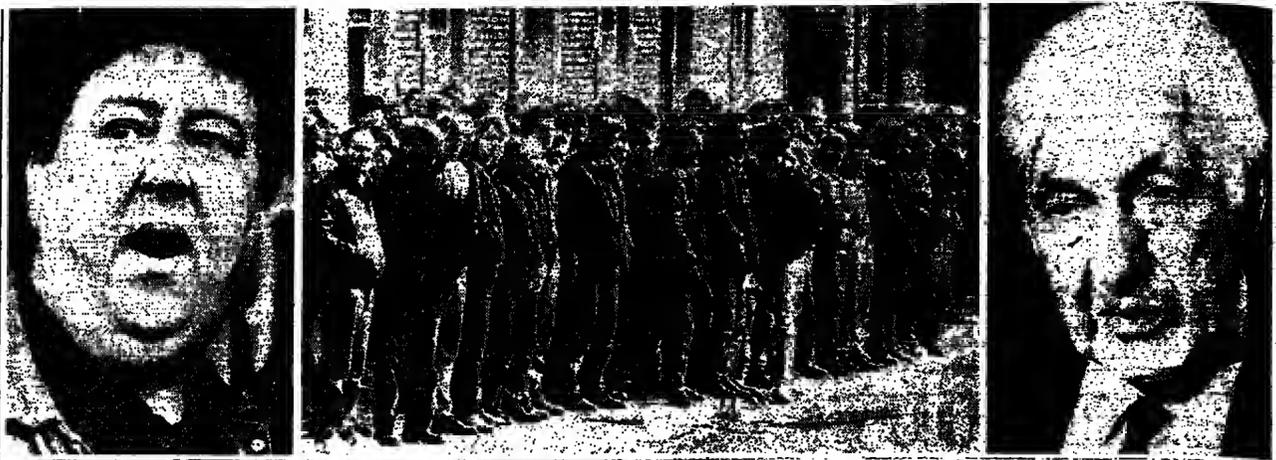
His letter came as Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health, responded to the consultants' letter by saying it was "simply not true" that there had been a deterioration in London services.

The consultants' claims, he said, were "partial and exaggerated" especially as many of them came from hospitals which had only recently received new resources. At St Mary's, Paddington, 300 new beds as well as operating theatres and an out-patient department costing more than £20 million was to open next year.

Mr Wheeler, however, who has St Mary's in his constituency, said that that illustrated the problem. "The health authority is having to decide about the early closure of the hospital at Harrow Road before the new hospital at Praed Street is ready for use."

Mr Hayhoe said reports of the closure of acute beds gave only part of the picture and ignored improved services for the mentally ill and handicapped and disabled. "The consultants who have written to *The Times* all work in the acute area and have ignored the improvements made in the priority areas."

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Workers waiting for the redundancies announcement yesterday outside British Shipbuilders' office in Newcastle upon Tyne with (left) Mr Peter Callaghan, one of their shop stewards, and (right) Mr Phillip Hares, the company chairman

North-east bottom of city survey

By Paul Vallely

Middlesbrough, correct north-east England, is one of the towns in the British Isles which can least afford a body blow to one of its mainstay industries.

Once a prosperous industrial centre with an active workforce and thriving chemicals, steel and engineering complexes, it was recently placed near the bottom in a league table which measured the relative importance of sizeable British towns.

Of 280 listings, Middlesbrough was placed number 267 in a survey by the geography department at Newcastle University. And of the towns rated the lowest most were in the same area in the north-east of England. The listing, which was compiled by Dr A C Champion and Dr A E Greensubs, do not remove this credit, please was based on a combination of population and employment changes in the decade before the 1981 census and more up to date employment figures which, in Middlesbrough at May last year, stood at 21.4 per cent. The change in employment, which until 1978 had shown an upward variation of plus 5.95 per cent, dipped drastically to minus 16.62 per cent by 1981. Since then the situation has further deteriorated.

At the top of the cross-referenced index was Britain's most prosperous town, Winchester.

Shipyards confirm 3,500 jobs cut as survival plan for the 1990s

By Peter Davenport

British Shipbuilders confirmed yesterday that a third of the workforce was to be laid off in a desperate effort to survive as a viable industry until the end of the decade.

But if the world-wide search for new orders to fill its empty books was unsuccessful, the entire future of Britain's merchant shipbuilding industry would be in doubt.

Yesterday Mr Phillip Hares, the new chairman of British Shipbuilders, said: "Unless we find more orders all of us could be out on the streets by this time next year."

He hoped that by closing down three facilities and shedding the workforce by almost 3,500, the industry would be able to survive to the end of the decade, when it was hoped the world-wide slump in orders would pick up.

The job losses, mostly in areas of high unemployment, include the total closure of the Smith's Dock on Teesside, which employs 1,300 workers.

Shipbuilding non-unionists learned of the cut-backs from the media reports. Unio leaders thought they were due at British Shipbuilders in Newcastle yesterday for talks on the 1986 pay claim.

The job losses will take place over the next nine months and break down as follows:

Appledore will lose 95 of its 645 jobs; Ferguson-Ailsa at Troon will lose 325 out of 780 jobs; Govan loses 495 from 2,345; North-east Shipbuilders Limited will lose 925 from 3,005; Smith's Dock will lose 1,295 from 1,365 and the Clark Kincaid Engine Works, with plants at Wallsend and

Greenock will lose 360 out of 890 jobs.

British Shipbuilders said yesterday that market forces left little option but to close the Smith's Dock and Troon shipyard and the Wallsend site of Clark Kincaid by the end of the year.

The extent of British Shipbuilders problems were made clear as officials provided a breakdown of existing orders.

At Smith's Dock the last of four 15,000-tonne cargo vessels for a Cypriot customer, will be delivered by the end of the year.

In the North-east Shipbuilders group, Sunderland Shipbuilders will complete a North Sea multi-purpose vessel and a crane barge by the end of the year, and the Austin and Pickerspill yard is finishing two 22,000-tonne multi-pur-

pose vessels for Liberia and a 15,000-tonne bulk barge for North Sea operations.

At Govan a 15,000-tonne vessel for North Sea Ferries, a P&O subsidiary, is the last vessel on the order books and is due for delivery next spring.

At the Ferguson-Ailsa works at Troon, work is almost completed on a vessel for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

At Appledore two sophisticated dredgers for a British company will be delivered by spring next year.

By next spring all ships under order with British Shipbuilders will be finished and delivered, and although negotiations are going on to complete four new vessels there are as yet no new orders.

The dying of a great town

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ing the workforce to 15,000.

The unemployed have not been soaked up by new companies moving into the area as had been hoped. Those that have come in have often been highly specialised and have needed only a relatively few workers.

Today the Mayor of Lambeth, on Teesside, will end his year of office. Mr Arthur Seed, aged 63, used to work at the docks which are in his borough as a plater's apprentice.

Yesterday he said: "I won't have to search for the topic for a farewell speech. I feel appalled and disgusted. People south of Birmingham just don't know how much we have suffered already without this further body blow."

"It is tragic to see one proud man who enjoyed a few pints at the pub with their friends now have to sit over a glass of orange juice. I just feel very angry about it all."

Mr Ken Rowden, aged 50, will lose his job as a plumbers' supervisor; his son-in-law will lose his job as a welder.

"Earlier this year we took on three 16-year-old lads as apprentices and we have been installing new machinery for the last 18 months."

"It is a good yard, one of the best in the country. We never lost any money when we were private. This is just a tragedy."

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Alliance to attack the left flank

By Sheila Guna Political Staff

The Alliance is planning a summer campaign to show that Labour is still in the hands of the hard left, in spite of the efforts of Mr Neil Kinnock, party leader.

A document, timed to coincide with the start of the party conference season, will set out to persuade electors that after a general election the acceptable face of the Labour Party, epitomized by Mr Kinnock, would swiftly give way to a government controlled by the "loony left". Liberals and Social Democrats plan to depict a Labour government presiding over a House of Commons in uproar and with the Speaker under threat.

They justify this by recalling the experiences of local councils when dominated by Labour. Even when moderate Labour council leaders were elected, they argue, the hard left managed to wrest power from them by dubious means.

The document will emphasize that the more extreme policies brought in by Labour authorities in London and Liverpool should be expected from a Labour government.

For example, Labour ministers would be made to impose the same political control on the police as seen in Labour-held wards.

Equipment spending to fall

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

The proportion of the defence budget spent on equipment will decline over the next few years, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, admitted yesterday.

One achievement which the Government has been most proud of in defence policy has been the raising of spending on equipment. Until last year it amounted to 46 per cent of the budget. This year, although spending will rise slightly, to £8.25 billion, it will fall to 45 per cent of the budget, and Mr Younger told the Commons defence committee that for the next few years it would tend to go downward, although not as low as 40 per cent.

He said that at 46 per cent it had been the highest proportion of any European Nato nation.

It looks as though Mr Younger may have to find up to £150 million to meet a forces pay increase, expected to exceed the 4.5 per cent allowed for.

Mr Younger was being questioned by the committee about the annual statement on the defence estimates. He said that more than 95 per cent of defence spending was devoted to Nato tasks, and the net cost of tasks outside the Nato area this year is expected to be less than £600 million.

One of the most difficult decisions this summer would be the future of the Nimrod airborne early warning project. One option is whether to buy US aircraft, at a cost of up to about £1,000 million, if the Nimrod project seemed unlikely to succeed. But he made it clear that there was no provision to meet a purchase from the United States.

He described the ordering of ships for the Navy as being in "a slight pause" after heavy ordering in the past 12 months. Warship yards are waiting desperately for the placing of three promised Type 23 frigates, expected to be ordered this summer, but although Mr Younger said the ministry was "pressing ahead" with the work, he refused to give any idea when orders would be placed.

A 'crucified industry' unable to fight Japanese

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The demise of the shipbuilding industry appears to be being mirrored in the Far East where orders for new tonnage have also dropped, reflecting the continuing contraction of world shipping.

However, in the Far East every method is used to win orders, which has led to British Shipbuilders filing an anti-dumping complaint with the European Commission against a Japanese yard.

At the centre of that dispute is a ship named the Pacific Pinal, designed to carry nuclear waste for Pacific Nuclear Transport. The company accepted the lowest tender, about £10 million from the Mitsubishi shipyard in Kobe. However, British Shipbuilders says that the cost covers the materials, not labour, which means that the Japanese are subsidizing the contract to keep yards in business.

The Japanese dispute this, but what makes the European

shipbuilders who bid for the contract even more angry is that the main shareholder in Pacific Nuclear Transport is the state-owned British Nuclear Fuels, BNFL, has a statutory duty to place the order at the lowest possible cost although it pays with its four British ships.

Sir Robert Atkinson, chairman of British Shipbuilders from 1980 to 1983, yesterday blamed the current crisis on the policies of the former Secretary of State for Industry,

Mr Patrick Jenkin, and his then deputy, Mr Norman Lamont. "They have crucified British shipbuilding. It is known throughout the world that British Shipbuilders are being run down, so no one will give any orders of the few that are available."

Sir Robert also said that the Government should not have bowed to EEC pressure and declared a state of emergency to support the industry. He said that France has supported shipbuilding by covert means.

Crash victims

The RAF men killed in a helicopter crash in the Falklands on Tuesday were named yesterday as Flying Officer David Vincent Browning, aged 23, a pilot who was married and came from Edmonton, north London, and Sergeant Wayne John Hopson, aged 27, an air loadmaster, married, from Leeds.

Ballot find

An unopened ballot box found in Walsall Town Hall after the recent elections, may mean that Mr Ray Wesley, newly-elected independent councillor for the Bloxwich East ward, loses his seat, giving Labour overall control of the council by 31-29.

Students' policies embarrass Tories

From Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter, Perth

The Scottish Conservative Conference was plunged into controversy last night after the publication of a manifesto by the Federation of Conservative Students which advocates privatization of the nuclear power industry, legalization of incest and prostitution, and castration of rapists.

The federation, which described its policies as "radical Thatcherism", also called for the phasing-out of income tax, abolition of the welfare state and the National Health Service, denationalization of money, and privatization of most public services, including the police and the prisons.

Senior Conservatives were clearly embarrassed by the launch of the Scottish manifesto which coincided with the opening of the conference in Perth, and officials moved swiftly to distance themselves from its contents.

With morale among Scottish Conservatives at a low ebb, the publication of such a

controversial and potentially damaging document could hardly come at a worse time.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said diplomatically: "I very much look forward to reading their proposals. The Conservative students have the reputation for vigorous originality, and I am sure their manifesto will live up to that reputation."

Mr Simon Morgan, chairman of the Scottish FCS and a third-year law student at Edinburgh University, who launched the manifesto, said that Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, should be expelled from the Conservative Party while Cabinet Ministers, Mr Peter Walker and Mr John Biffen, should be dismissed, with the latter being "confined to a cage on the back benches".

The students also demand the legalization of euthanasia, abolition of licensing laws, and banning of register office marriages, which they describe as "pagan and disrespectful".

Irish bishops rally to stop divorce law

By Richard Ford

The Roman Catholic Church has launched its campaign against Dr Garret FitzGerald's proposal to hold a referendum to remove the constitutional ban on divorce in the Irish Republic.

Although surprised by the speed with which the coalition government acted, bishops have ordered that a pastoral letter arguing against divorce be published, with one million copies being distributed to the faithful. The letter will be issued at masses throughout the country.

In a statement, "Marriage, the Family and Divorce", the church hierarchy used purple ink to highlight the advice: they wish church-goers to remember.

This included statements such as "divorce is always a disaster for children"; "I do not think many Protestants really want this here"; and "there are disturbing indications that the divorce process, once started, has a juggernaut-like momentum of its own".

The bishops argue that divorce defines all marriage as dissoluble rather than being for life, and say it is untrue that divorce laws affect a minority of marriages which have irretrievably broken down.

In the Dail, Mr Alan Dukes, Minister for Justice, began the debate on a proposal for a referendum to remove the ban. But there was little to suggest it was what the opposition described as "one of the most fundamental and far-reaching issues" since the foundation of the state.

At the start there were 14 deputies out of 166 in the chamber, and this fell to four within the first hour.

Mr Dukes defended the Government's plan to allow divorce on the grounds of the irretrievable breakdown, but only after a couple had been separated for five years. He said the proposal was reasonable, and did not allow "free for all unrestricted divorce".

NUJ draws back over Wapping

By Michael McCarthy

The National Union of Journalists yesterday drew back from expelling or suspending any of the 600 NUJ members working at the News International printing plant at Wapping, east London.

Its national executive council met as instructed by the annual delegate meeting to consider making complaints under the union's disciplinary code against any NUJ member working at Wapping in spite of an NEC instruction not to do so.

Under rule 18, any member against whom a complaint was found proved could be liable to suspension or expulsion from the union, and four such complaints have been made against the NUJ fathers of the chapel (office branch chairmen) of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World*.

But by a 14-7 vote yesterday the NEC decided to pursue "conciliation" under rules 18E and 18Q rather than formally hear the complaints against the four FoCs. It also decided to take no action in any other cases pending the outcome of the conciliation.

The decision was an important victory for the moderates over the left-wing extremists on the NEC who had wanted complaints laid and pursued against every NUJ journalist working at the plant. It had been predicted that if such a policy had been put into effect it would have led to a break-up of the NUJ.

Meanwhile, increasing differences between the "moderate" leadership of the print union Sogat '82 and its members dismissed in the News International dispute may lead to a full-scale split within the union.

Dismissed print workers an-

gered by what they see as the failure of their leaders, under Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary, to support them adequately, may well rest content with mere criticism. This is due to surface at a mass meeting in Central Hall, Westminster, next Monday.

Sogat's nine powerful London branches, representing 4,000 of the 5,500 former NI employees, may decide to break away from the union if they do not receive what they consider proper support at the union's biennial conference to be held next month.

It was to retrieve the funds to hold the conference that the Sogat executive last week decided to purge its three-month contempt of court. It withdrew amnistration to members working for newspaper wholesalers, issued in defiance of a High Court injunction, to "black" titles produced at Wapping, and so regained control of £7 million assets which had been sequestered.

This decision has angered the London leadership, in particular the FoCs of the former News International Sogat chapels. So too have other moves made by Miss Dean and her executive, including the interest they have shown in the offer of the former Gray's Inn Road printing plant as part of any settlement, and their intention to hold a ballot on any settlement reached.

The London branches are likely to find themselves in such opposition to the national leadership and much of the other membership at next month's conference that a split and the setting-up of a breakaway organization is being discussed by officials of the London branches.

Warnings of riot risk at prison 'were ignored'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The riot which caused millions of pounds of damage to Northeye, the open prison outside Bexhill in East Sussex, during the prison officers' dispute, could have been avoided, or at least contained, had warnings, given by its Board of Visitors, been heeded, it said in a statement yesterday.

The board, which is the public's watchdog for the prison, gave warning in February that if violent prisoners continued to be sent there, it would lead to riot or even death. Men were frightened to sleep at night, through fear of attack.

The Prison Department

should have put up an internal security fence, which had been promised for two years, for £250,000, which would have limited the arson and vandalism, the board said.

"In February 1986 the annual report of the board was forwarded to the Home Office and so far we have received no reply. Similar reports have been sent over the past four

years, but the level of violent behaviour has escalated steadily.

"The trouble has been brewing for years, but warnings from many sources have not been taken seriously."

Many inmates are being sent to Northeye lately who are violent, disruptive and totally unsuitable, the report says.

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Tougher drink law for young drivers sought

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Serious consideration should be given to tougher laws on drink and driving for younger and novice drivers, and the police should have the right to stop drivers for breath testing at will, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

The call came from Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, as the association's board of science published a report on alcohol and young people, saying there was evidence that young drivers get into difficulties at lower levels

of blood alcohol than older drivers.

Thirty per cent of motorcyclists and drivers, aged 16 to 19, who die in road traffic accidents, have blood alcohol levels above the legal limit.

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Schools audit calls for closures but £2bn needed for remainder

By Robin Young

Secondary school closures are essential during the next four or five years if waste is to be avoided, according to a report published today by the Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales.

The commission, an independent body set up to help local authorities improve economy and efficiency, says that time is running out to redirect resources into better education. It estimates that if money continues to be spent at the present rate in spite of falling numbers in schools, within five years the equivalent of some 1,000 schools will be empty.

The report concludes that on the basis of a year-long study of one quarter of local education authorities have responded fully to falling school rolls. But in the systematic review of the number and mix of teachers which is necessary, the report suggests, pupil-teacher ratios should be abandoned and replaced by an activity-led staffing approach which would take account of teachers' activities.

It adds that every local education authority should consider redeploying teachers from one school to another,

using more part-time teachers, and encouraging early retirements. Planning and control systems need to be strengthened, and there should be better selection procedures and management training for head teachers.

But the commission points out that the present grant distribution arrangements can penalize authorities who wish to invest in reorganization. In some authorities an extra £1 of spending can cost the ratepayer as much as £3 or more.

If the required reorganization is to take place, capital expenditure of £2 billion during the next four or five years will be required in the schools that remain, the commission estimates. That is more than double the level at present planned.

It is also suggested that at present it is too easy for vested interests to frustrate change.

Teachers' pay and conditions should be negotiated at the same time and, in the commission's view, there should be more local flexibility within the national framework.

The commission specifically says that assessment arrangements, ways of rewarding superior performance, arrangements for recruiting teachers for shortage subjects, teacher absence, and lunchtime supervision - all issues in the long-running teachers' dispute - should be decided locally.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, welcomed the report yesterday, but said that the Government must realize that education could not be reorganized simply on the basis of existing resources.

Towards Better Management of Secondary Education (The Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales, Stationery Office, £5.90).

The Government aims to ensure that employers do not misunderstand the new GCSE 16-plus examination in the same way that they have misjudged CSEs. Mr Christopher Patten, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, said yesterday.

The Government is planning an escalating publicity programme directed at large and small businesses up to the summer of 1988 when the first candidates sit the new examination.

2,000 extra places to train teachers

By Gavin Bell

More than 2,000 additional places are to be provided for training primary and secondary school teachers in England by the end of the decade, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced yesterday.

In a parliamentary written answer, Sir Keith said the planned increase from 10,950 places in colleges and polytechnics in 1985 to 13,160 in 1989 was aimed at developing the quality and cost effectiveness of the training system and to enable it to respond to changing demands. Education sources said that no additional funds were being allocated and the extra places would be accommodated within existing resources.

Student numbers will increase at 50 of the 54 institutions. Two notable exceptions are the Humberstone College of Higher Education and Portsmouth Polytechnic, where intakes to courses will cease from 1987. The sources indicated that they did not meet criteria set by the Department of Education and Science concerning viable size, capacity for development and for associations with other institutions.

All of the institutions concerned have until June 27 to make representations about their allocations, which Sir Keith will consider before announcing a final decision.

Sir Keith said the increase would provide more primary school teachers to cope with a rise in pupils, an excess of secondary teachers in the short term - which would give local authorities a wider choice and enable training institutions to expand in the 1990s - and a slight improvement in the pupil/teacher ratio, at present 17.5.

The plans were also designed to attract more student teachers to shortage subjects such as mathematics, science, craft design and technology. An innovation will be the introduction of two courses in 1987 to recruit teachers with skills in ethnic minority languages, notably Asian. The north London polytechnic will have 25 places each year for primary teachers, and the Thames Polytechnic will have 15 to teach such languages in secondary schools.

Applications for teacher training are running at almost double the number of places available. Last year 31,000 people applied for 17,000 places at public institutions in England and Wales. By last week 25,500 had applied for 18,600 places in courses beginning in September.

Sir Keith said he had invited all institutions in the public sector to consider academic integration with other advanced further education.

Ilea top of spending league

By Colin Hughes

Wide variations across the country in examination performance, pupil/teacher ratios, and education costs are highlighted in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy figures published today.

The Inner London Education Authority emerges as the most expensive school system in England and Wales. In outer London the boroughs of Brent and Haringey, and in urban areas Manchester, Sheffield, Newcastle and Coventry, were leaders.

The Ilea's 1984-85 spending is high partly because of small class sizes in all the high-spending areas. The poorer social backgrounds of children in inner cities mean that examination results compare unfavourably with national averages.

The Ilea had the lowest proportion of pupils to teachers anywhere in the country, except for the Isles of Scilly, at 17.1 in primary schools and

13.1 in secondary schools. But 21 per cent left with no graded examination results.

Education in inner London cost £1,298 for each primary pupil, and £2,022 for each secondary pupil. In Manchester and Knowsley costs for secondary pupils were £1,329 and £1,278 per pupil respectively. Knowsley came bottom in examination success, with 21 per cent failing to achieve any grades, and 13.5 per cent getting five good passes. The most expensively educated primary children in metropolitan districts were in Sheffield and Newcastle, costing £967 and £937 per child.

Sefton and Solihull had among the worst metropolitan district pupil/teacher ratios, with more than 23 in each primary class and 16 in each secondary teacher. But they had the highest proportion of children gaining five or more good examination passes.

Brent and Haringey, among outer London boroughs, had

the lowest secondary school ratios of pupils to teachers (12 and 13 respectively), but spent far more per child than other boroughs (£1,636 and £1,699 respectively for secondary children). The worst examination results in outer London were in Newham.

Sutton, where the Conservatives have recently lost control to the Liberals, had the highest pupil/teacher ratios (24.9 in primary and 16.8 in secondary), but was comfortably the cheapest (£732 per child in primary and £1,091 in secondary schools). Harrow scored the best examination results, with 37 per cent gaining five or more good passes. Nottinghamshire stood out as the highest overall spender among shire counties (£805 per pupil in primary schools and £1,161 in secondaries).

Local Government Comparative Statistics 1986 (CIPFA, Robert Street, London WC2N 6BH, £25).

Euro MP wins libel case against paper

Mr Leslie Huckfield, Labour Euro MP for Merseyside East, won "substantial" libel damages and costs in the High Court yesterday over allegations in the Mail on Sunday that he was a hypocrite.

An article in January last year suggested that Mr Huckfield, aged 44, who was with a party of Euro MPs, was about to drink champagne when he was deterred by a Conservative who was taking a photograph.

The suggestion was that Mr Huckfield was hypocritical by pretending to be a man of the left while indulging in vintage champagne.

RSPCA urges registry of dogs to stop rabies

The threat of rabies could become endemic unless a computerized dog registration system was set up to control 500,000 strays in Britain, the RSPCA said yesterday.

In spite of improved measures by France, The Netherlands and West Germany to control stray dogs, the Government seemed intent on ignoring warnings by proposing to abolish the dog licence.

Mr Ansley Hart, RSPCA council chairman, said: "Abolition of dog licences would have a disastrous effect, opening the way for more uncontrolled breeding, increased disease and animal cruelty."

Mr Hart said: "The RSPCA will be embarking on a major campaign in the coming months to persuade the Government to reverse its decision on dog licences. They will find they have hit the fuse of a much bigger controversy than the Sunday trading fiasco."

The British Veterinary Association, the National Farmers' Union and many other organizations supported the RSPCA's campaign, he said.

The society, which published its annual report yesterday, also called for dog licence fees to be increased to between £5 and £10 a year.

A Medici Prom for Prince Andrew's wedding

The ninety-second season of Promenade Concerts will herald Prince Andrew's wedding to Miss Sarah Ferguson by re-creating the Italian Renaissance music.

Between the first night on July 18 and the last on September 13, the BBC will present 60 concerts by 24 orchestras, 15 choirs and eight ensembles under 46 conductors, at a cost of more than £1 million.

The Toronto Symphony will become the first orchestra to represent Canada at the Proms on September 1, performing Mozart and Mahler, under Andrew Davis, the British-born music director.

The Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra with Sir Colin Davis will bring music by Beethoven, Bruckner and Karl Hartmann on September 8 and 9.

Other highlights include Walton's *Balthazar's Feast*, conducted by Andre Previn, Mozart's *Requiem* by the Monteverdi Choir, and the first London production of the Early Opera Project's version

of Monteverdi's *Orfeo*, the first grand opera.

The last Proms season was criticized for not being British enough, and this year's programme will include works by 14 living British composers, four of whom will conduct their own music.

There are two special commissions, a trumpet concert by Gordon Crosse and a new work for orchestra and live electronics from Jonathan Harvey.

BBC television will transmit nine concerts, Radio 3 will broadcast 58 live and the BBC's World Service will carry 19.



The Duchess of Kent meets Lucy Dodd, aged 10, an arthritis victim, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, at the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council at Guildhall, London, yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Princess pleads for 'forgotten children'

By Mark Dowd

Princess Margaret, president of the NSPCC, yesterday made an urgent plea on behalf of young victims of neglect. She referred to them as "forgotten children".

"There have recently been some appalling acts of physical violence, but let us not forget that there are thousands of children who suffer from neglect," she said. "Thousands more can be stunted physically and emotionally through lack of love or want of proper care," she continued. "These are the 'forgotten children' who we must never let the world forget."

The remarks were addressed to 2,000 supporters, gathered for the NSPCC annual council meeting in London. Singled out for special attention were the NSPCC child protection teams.

The society's annual report, covering the period from October 1, 1984, to September 30, 1985, showed that more than 16,000 cases were dealt with, involving over 37,000 children. More than 12,000 of those were infants under five. Among the new cases during the year there were: 3,234 cases of neglect, 1,580 cases of risk of physical injury, 1,468 cases of suspected non-accidental injury, and 453 cases of sexual abuse.

'Anthrax' may go back to family

By Ronald Faux

"A beautiful place. A wonderful place to watch the birds nesting." That is how Colonel Peter Dumplie remembers Grunard Island off the coast of Ross and Cromarty in Scotland before 1942, when the soil became infected by anthrax spores.

The anthrax was brought there by germ warfare specialists from Porton Down who landed in 1942 to carry out experiments for a biological bomb.

Now the island is likely to be offered back to Colonel Dumplie's family after the Ministry of Defence has cleaned the infected soil in an operation likely to cost several million pounds.

"I am a little surprised," the colonel said yesterday. "We expected it back shortly after the war and here we are in 1986. But I'm sure they have been working very hard on it."

Work to decontaminate Grunard using a sprayed solution of formaldehyde and sea water will begin this summer. Tests have shown that not all of the island's 520 acres were affected by the disease, which can survive indefinitely in soil.

The Ministry of Defence took over the island after paying £500 to Mrs Alexander Maitland, the owner, who was Colonel Dumplie's late wife's aunt.

Grunard is a low-lying oval shaped island now overrun by rabbits which seem immune to any anthrax spores that may still be in the ground.

The island has no landing pier and visits are strictly prohibited. It had become a sinister relic of the war. It sprang back into the headlines in 1981 when an environmental group called Dark Harvest sent what it claimed was a sample of Grunard soil to the Porton Down research establishment.

If Colonel Dumplie and his fellow trustees decide not to take the island back into the estate its future will be uncertain.

Any further military use in such an environmentally sensitive area would rouse loud protests, but the Nature Conservancy Council has rejected Grunard as a nature reserve. There is little else there to study except rabbits.

Ridley reaffirms support for tunnel

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A strong restatement of the Government's commitment to the Channel tunnel was delivered yesterday by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, to calm fears over the prospect of delays to the project.

With an important hearing starting in the Commons next week that will decide whether the Bill authorizing the tunnel will have to be delayed until the autumn, Mr Ridley called for patience while the legislation went through Parliament.

His speech, given in London to a Franco-British Council seminar, was aimed at both the Channel Tunnel Group and its French partners in the construction project, both of whom have voiced concern at the possibility of Parliament delaying the Bill.

Mr Ridley pointed out that the tunnel would relieve unemployment - it was estimated that it would provide 65,000 man-years of employment during construction with 4,000 to 5,000 permanent jobs after the opening.

Mr Ridley said it was necessary to allow the doubters and the objectors "the full scope of parliamentary opportunities, and to respond to their objections, whether they be personal, political or emotional with reasoned answers".

Drive to speed up RAC road rescues

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The Royal Automobile Club is spending £20 million during the next two years to set up a computer-controlled rescue service to increase the speed of its breakdown service.

The move comes after a fact-finding tour of similar systems operating in Australia, America, and West Germany.

Five RAC centres will be opened next to motorways in London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Stockport, and Bristol, beginning with Stockport early next year.

Mr Arthur Large, chief executive of the RAC motoring services, said yesterday that

the system, to be known as Computer Aided Road Services, would provide instant communication between the centres and nearly 1,000 patrol vans.

The computer's in-built street directory would pinpoint the breakdown and pass the information to patrols, which would eventually have VDU screens in their vans.

The RAC claims to answer eight out of 10 breakdowns within an hour, but would like to repeat the Australian response time of nine out of 10 calls within 45 minutes.

RAC membership has grown steadily in recent years, and is now 2.6 million.

Bomb trial jury told about raid

One of the alleged conspirators plotting a "bomb-a-day" IRA campaign against British seaside resorts last year escaped from the Maze prison in Northern Ireland in 1983, a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday by Mr Martin Thomas, QC, counsel for Gerard McDonnell.

Mr McDonnell, aged 34, is on trial with Patrick Magee, aged 35, from Belfast, the man accused of planting the bomb that killed five people at the Grand Hotel in Brighton during the Tory Party conference in October 1984.

Det Chief Supt Ian Robinson, of Strathclyde police, told the court that he organized a raid on a house in Langside Road, Glasgow, on June 22 last year in which all five defendants - Mr Magee, Mr McDonnell, Peter Sherry, aged 30, Martina Anderson, aged 23, and Ella O'Dwyer, aged 26 - were detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Det Insp Brian Watson, who led the armed raid at Langside Road, said Mr Magee was seized when he answered the door.

Mr Watson added: "I was aware of another man at the hallway. I entered the hallway with other officers and McDonnell was arrested."

"I checked the lounge to see if anyone else was there. I came out into the hallway and saw three people: Sherry, Anderson and O'Dwyer. All were arrested."

Mr Magee is accused of planting a time-delay device in Room 629 of the Grand Hotel, causing the explosion on October 12, 1984, and of murdering the five who died.

He is also accused with the others of conspiring between January and June last year to cause explosions in London and 12 other towns.

The trial continues today.

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Shipbuilding orders cannot be conjured out of thin air

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Further public sector shipbuilding orders could not be conjured out of thin air if there was no need for them, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in the Commons after making a statement reporting that British Shipbuilders would have to make 3,500 people redundant by March 1987 in order to reduce its over-capacity.

He was replying to calls by Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, who had called on the Government to set up a special task force charged with the task of ensuring that British Shipbuilders would survive.

He had contended that it was clear this year that British merchant shipbuilding would either survive or disappear and that on the evidence so far the Government was indifferent to the result.

Mr Channon argued that Mr Smith was misleading the House and the country if he imagined there was some pool of public sector orders which could be brought forward early. That did not exist. This was a worldwide problem.

In his statement, Mr Channon said that British Shipbuilders won only 23,000 compensated gross tonnes of orders last year, little more than a tenth of the amount forecast in their corporate plan. This was not for lack of Government support.

The financial support for individual orders was not the problem. The problem was that orders were simply not there to be won.

In Sweden, for example, which a few years ago had one of the most modern merchant shipbuilding industries in the world, the entire industry was closing down. This reflected the latest downturn in the shipbuilding market, which had resulted in capacity reductions of 25 per cent in many areas.

Despite Government support of more than £1,400 million since 1979 and the recent increase in the level of support for new orders, it had proved impossible for British Shipbuilders to maintain its current capacity in the absence of new orders.

British Shipbuilders had announced that day measures to deal with this over-capacity. They included a decision to close by the end of the year, Smiths Dock, the Tron shipyard of Fergusson-Ailsa, and the Wallsend site of Clark Kincaid.

In addition, BS had, as part of the restructuring process, proposed a two-year deal which would seek to match manpower and capacity more closely to demand. The Government regretted that these necessary measures would lead to total redundancies of some 5,500 by March 1987. BS hoped that a substantial amount of this would be achieved by voluntary redundancy.

Mr Channon announced that the Government proposed to provide BS with £25 million of current financial year to enable them to set up a new subsidiary, British Shipbuilders Enterprise Ltd. This would provide expert and practical services for those facing redundancy.

He also said that the Government would ensure that they had at their work place counsellors with the skills and resources to guide them towards retraining and redeployment opportunities, and to provide financial support to take advantage of those opportunities. It would also offer financial help and advice to those wishing to take the initiative of setting up their own businesses.

In addition, the Secretary of State for Employment (Lord Young of Gramham) had asked the Manpower Services Commission to provide a further £1 million specifically for the retraining of redundant employees of BS in direct co-operation with the new enterprise corporation. He would also make available £1 million via the City Action Team for job creation measures and to simulate enterprise in the North East.

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of the shipping industry worldwide. It was essential that Britain should continue to have a fundamental level of shipbuilding capability. Research and development facilities in British Shipbuilders must be maintained as the future lay in particular in specialist vessels.

Mr Channon said he agreed. To give the impression that this was solely a British problem was wholly misleading.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab) said the orders were there. Why did the Government not spend money on helping Britain to get them?

Mr Channon said it was not just a question of subsidy. There was a desperate shortage of orders worldwide. The United Kingdom was offering exactly the same sort of credit as other countries.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): We are seeing the decimation of the shipbuilding industry of this country. If the problem is world-wide, why has the Government since 1979 done so little to work with other governments to stimulate world trade and increase the demand for shipping?

Mr Channon: What he must face up to is that this is not just a problem of the United Kingdom but a world-wide one. There has been Government support of £1,400 million since 1979. If that is neglect, I would like to know what is not.

Mr James Tins (Redcar, Lab) said the measure that had been announced amounted to little more than a contribution towards the funeral expenses of an important sector of the British shipbuilding industry. It reports that the Cabinet are looking for vessels were correct, would the minister see to it that British yards were able to secure substantially more of those orders?

Mr Channon: I understand and sympathise very much with what he says, which he may have yet been won. There are some negotiations going on. If they were to be won that would be of great help.

Mr Fiers Merchant (Newcastle upon Tyne Central, C): This is extremely important that we are brought about by Government dereliction but is a result of a world crisis in shipbuilding which he has faced up to with positive measures. They will be widely welcomed in the North East. The minister is appointing a Government minister to oversee the way in which this money is spent?

Mr Channon: It is not for me to appoint a Government minister to do this, but we will have to do this. I hope that the money to see that the money is spent in the best way possible.

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab): Many of us believe that it is an act of national folly for an island which exports more than 90 per cent of its trade to allow its shipbuilding industry to be almost destroyed.

Does the Government not believe that it is essential to preserve a viable shipbuilding industry? Does he consider that it is necessary to adopt a policy of scrap and build, as was done earlier, to meet the temporary situation which we do not do?

Mr Channon: I understand and to some extent share his view. It is extremely important that we should have a merchant shipbuilding industry. The industry will survive. It is in a position to do so. I do not believe that the scrap and build process which he advocates has been a success, but we are considering every step that could be taken.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab): The House will be perplexed because of all the new initiatives announced today but one of them will save shipbuilding jobs. Does the minister think that merchant shipbuilding is at the point of collapse and what new measures does he intend to take?

Mr Channon: I do not accept it is on the verge of collapse. It is an extremely difficult situation and that is why these measures have to be taken, but there do remain further orders which I very much hope they will survive.

Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C): This depressing statement is the logical consequence of the rapid decline of the British shipbuilding industry. Has the Government been warned consistently by all sides of the House, and particularly by Sir Edward du Cann (Taunton, C) and myself?

Even at this late hour, will he and the Government take some of the measures other countries do to support their merchant navies?

Mr Channon: I certainly take note of what he says and will discuss it with my colleagues.

Mr Donald Dixon (Jarrow, Lab): Some 3,500 highly skilled men will be going on the streets and a few community grants will not save these valuable skills for this maritime nation. Will the Government take notice of what the Government is doing to live in the United Kingdom. He received the United States pension from 1978 onwards.

He fell into the charge to tax under Schedule D (Sections 108 and 109 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970); namely Case V - tax in respect of income arising from possessions out of the United Kingdom, not being income consisting of emoluments of any office or employment.

Solicitors: Mr D. I. Tomlinson, Norwich; Stanger & Co. Aylsham.

Deficit due to erratic items

MANUFACTURING

There had been a deficit of £1.4 billion in the balance of trade in manufactured goods in the first quarter of this year, Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, admitted during Commons questions. However, he maintained these were exceptional figures for one quarter.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) How can the Government claim its economic policies are a success when it has been responsible for the worst manufacturing trade deficit in British history?

There has been deficits ever since the last election. Britain would probably never see a manufacturing trade surplus again until this incompetent Tory Government was replaced at the next election by a Labour Government committed to industrial regeneration and the growth of exports.

Mr Clark said he was as anxious as Mr Canavan to see a manufacturing trade surplus. But the wealth of this country was measured by gross domestic product which was composed of many different elements.

In fact (he added) Mr Canavan was less than service to our manufacturers because in 1985 exports by volume and value were higher than ever before.

Mr Donald Taylor (Southend East, C) was alarmed at the deficit with the EEC in the first quarter at £2.8 billion, the highest recorded. This was equivalent to a job loss of almost one million.

Why was it so difficult to make good trading arrangements with the EEC by comparison with the rest of the world?

Mr Clark: My understanding is that this exceptionally high deficit in the first quarter of this year resulted from the erratic items. (Labour laughter)

Mr Nicholas Waterton (Macclesfield, C) said he was disappointed, as would be those Tories who felt genuine wealth was created by manufacturing. The Government was dependent on this industry.

In the light of the somewhat unsatisfactory results in the by-elections and local elections last week (he said), would Mr Clark prevail on the Secretary of State (Mr Peter Deighton) and upon Treasury ministers to emphasize the priority for manufacturing which the industry deserved. There should be fair, not unfair, competition for industry.

Mr Clark: He is right. The principal objective of my department is to ensure fair trading conditions.

Manufacturing exports increased by 5.5 per cent last year. While companies were competing for orders in the 1980s, Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade, said the deficit in the first quarter of this year was serious. As the oil balance deteriorated it would become a much more serious problem.

Why, if so called erratic items were so important, had no reference been made to them when the trade figures were published, or was Mr Clark taking a semi-detached view of the matter?

Mr Clark: I do not think it necessary to make any special reference to what were exceptional figures for one quarter.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Wages Bill, continuation of remaining stages. Lords (3): Airports Bill, committee, first day.

Mergers policy review

BUSINESS

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, rejected a suggestion from Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) that Government policy on business mergers should be changed so that those companies making bids would have to prove the benefits which might flow from them.

Mr Wrigglesworth said many recent mergers had been of little benefit to workers, customers or the public interest but had been largely to do with the self-aggrandisement of those who owned the companies or those making the bids.

Mr Channon: I would be reluctant to make that change. I did not agree with what he said. There is need for certainty here and for consistent policy. This is an area of policy which is difficult and needs study. I am considering all aspects of it.

Need for sharing of information on nuclear leak

CHERNOBYL

It was clear from discussion of the Chernobyl disaster during the Foreign Affairs Council that there now existed not only within the 12 EEC members but also in East European countries, an awareness of the need to share information at the earliest possible opportunity.

Mr Lysias Chalkier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, said in a Commons statement.

She was reporting on the decision of the EEC Council of Foreign Ministers to agree to accept the Chernobyl foodstuffs from the USSR, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

The ban came into force on May 13 and will last until May 31. It will be reviewed on May 20 taking account of the latest scientific evidence.

In addition, member states have undertaken to set contamination standards for intra-Community imports which are no higher than those for domestic produce, to limit the contamination level in exports to other member states to that acceptable to the recipient state and to lift national controls on imports.

Mr George Robertson, Opposition spokesman on the EEC, said the constraints placed on food from this and other European countries was a shameful formula more to safeguard agricultural interests of Community countries rather than to do with protecting citizens from food contaminated by radioactivity.

Why the provisional ban had been arrived at gave no-one great confidence in the capacity of the Community to deal with such an emergency.

The existing shambles would be made worse by the current meeting of experts to produce safe radiation levels which some countries were almost bound not to accept.

What this European Council has done (he said) is to fail to reassure worried people who have watched naked commercial interests put before care over standards.

Mr Chalkier said the Government abhorred the secrecy which had made it more difficult for countries to take the decisions they wished to take. Every one of the 12 Community countries had taken its own course.

Mr Richard Lacey (Brecon and Radnor, L) said that the Ukraine produced 20 per cent of Russian agricultural production. Was the Community ready to accept them and had there been any discussion of a need for a supplementary budget?

Mr Chalkier said if the Soviet Union sought to buy cereals on the world market from stocks, that would be dealt with in the normal way.

Mr John Evans (St Helens, North, Lab) said most British people would think it odd that East Germany had been left out of the ban.

Mr Chalkier said East Germany was beyond the 1,000 kilometre limit, but the West German government had undertaken that any produce coming from East Germany would be fully tested.

Mr Ian Milford (Bow and Poplar, Lab) said he would listen to see how the minister could assist in his bid to bring justice.

Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) said he would continue his vendetta against the Government as far as this part of the Bill was concerned. It was going to go through, but the Government should be aware of the industrial tribunals courts and a minefield of trouble.

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Labour move to protect workers

WAGES BILL

It was necessary to prevent a widespread growth of deductions from workers' pay for disciplinary reasons which the Government envisaged as part of the proposed changes to management.

Mr Chalkier said that the Opposition spokesman said when the Commons began the report stage of the Wages Bill.

The Bill provides for the protection of workers in relation to the payment of wages and also deals with the scope of operation of wages councils.

Ms Short moved a new clause, which was considered with a number of amendments, imposing a limit of 10 per cent of gross wages in any pay period on all deductions and fines for all workers. It also proposed that workers could only be subjected to such deductions when the employer could show that the worker concerned was guilty of the act or omission complained of.

She said that if these reasonable provisions were not accepted, workers would be in a land should note that from now on any bad employer who wanted to impose fines or deductions would have a field day.

It would be simple to take large chunks of money from workers' pay. This was likely to happen extensively in the least well-organized sectors of the economy where low pay and bad employment conditions were pervasive.

The Government did not seem concerned to put sufficient protection into the Bill which was demanded in the way suggested by the Opposition was deeply objectionable. It would be a step up and down the industrial tribunals courts and a minefield of trouble.

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Divisional Court

Breath test law superseded by amendment to Act

Blake v Pope

Before Lord Justice Stocker and Mr Justice Hirst (Judgment given May 14)

It was not necessary for a charge under section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, that the constable's suspicion that the defendant's alcohol content might be above the prescribed limit should arise at a time when the defendant was driving.

The amended legislation eliminated the numerous technical deficiencies under the old law and the cases decided under it.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing a prosecutor's appeal by case stated against the conviction of the defendant, Raymond Pope, on a charge of driving with a L-test alcohol level in excess of the prescribed limit contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted.

The defendant had been stopped and restrained by members of the public after he had observed driving erratically. The police arrived 10 to 15 minutes later.

Private health care spending rises at twice the NHS rate

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Spending on private health care in the United Kingdom has risen at twice the rate of spending on the NHS in the past decade, according to figures published yesterday by the Office of Health Economics.

Total spending in the NHS and private sectors — including over-the-counter medicines — totalled £19 billion in 1984, a rise of 50 per cent in 1973, with the share of Gross National Product devoted to health care rising from 5 per cent to 6.8 per cent.

But in spite of that increase the UK is now the smallest spender on health care

amongst the Western developed countries. In 1960 the UK had been one of the largest spenders.

The OHE, a research body funded by the drug industry, says that since 1977 the share of GNP devoted to health has been consistently lagging behind the average spent by other countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Countries such as the United States, Sweden and West Germany spend nearly half as much again as the UK, while The Netherlands, France and Denmark spend about one-third more of their GNP on health.

In 1984, NHS spending totalled £17,337 million, while spending in the private sector reached £747 million, with another £851 million spent on non-NHS medicines and medical equipment.

In 1984, spending on the NHS rose by only 0.8 per cent in real terms, the smallest rise in NHS resources since the reorganization of the NHS in 1974.

But spending on private health care that year rose at a rate four times higher than NHS spending.

Health expenditure in the UK (Office of Health Economics, 12 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2DY; £1).

Harrods' hats set to turn heads at Royal Ascot



Top milliners have really let fashion go to their head. Those seeking a head-turning hat for Royal Ascot in June need look no further than Harrods where every taste in headgear is catered for. For the country's fashion conscious, a day at the best-known race meeting is not complete without a new hat.

Try these for size: (top) elegance in a broad-brimmed straw hat in indigo created by Philip Somerville, at £191; (bottom left) in the racing spirit, a white top hat and spotted veil by Frederick Fox, the Queen's milliner, at £151; and (left) perhaps not everyone's *tasse de thé* but a witty winner all the same, this 'cup and saucer' design from Graham Smith, at £179 (Photographs: Tim Bishop).

Meanwhile, in New Zealand, the world-famous store is after Henry Harrod (below). The restaurateur says he is facing legal action from Harrods because they want him to stop trading under the name they have in common. He has been using it for 30 years in Paherston North.

40 groups to share £5.8m left by GLC

More than 40 voluntary organizations are to get £5.8 million, left to them by the Greater London Council on its last hectic working day before abolition.

A High Court judge yesterday granted Westminster City Council permission to drop its legal challenge to a selected group of spending decisions made by the GLC on March 27.

Mr Mark Lowe, counsel for Westminster, told Mr Justice Hodgson that the city council had considered a batch of spending decisions, worth £18.5 million, to about 67 organizations in London, in the light of the House of Lords judgement outlawing the GLC's earlier plans to give £76 million to local voluntary groups and an arts centre.

Westminster had concluded that £5.8 million fell into a "lawful" category.

But it took the view that £5.6 million was unlawful and a further £7.1 million involved decisions for which necessary government consent had been refused. Those requests were, therefore, still being challenged.

On the day that it made the spending decisions, the GLC paid £17.6 million into court, to be held pending a ruling on whether the decisions were lawful.

NUM fails to regain funds

The National Union of Mineworkers yesterday again failed to win control of its funds at a High Court hearing. After a 15-minute hearing, Mr Justice Mervyn Davies adjourned until next Tuesday the union's application for an end to the 17-month receivership of its assets.

It was the third time this year that the case had been adjourned, leaving the NUM's £14.5 million assets still in the hands of the receiver.

The judge decided on an adjournment after being told that secret talks to settle part of an action about the removal of NUM funds from Britain during the pit strike, had reached a crucial stage and could be prejudiced if the union's application went ahead.

The total cost of yesterday's hearing, with seven QCs, eight other barristers and a dozen solicitors in court, was estimated at £15,000.

It emerged during the hearing that the 16 working miners, who won the appointment of a receiver on November 30, 1984, are now split over whether he should continue.

Two miners, Mr Colin Clarke and Mr John Liprot, want to ensure that the conduct of the pending action, over the removal of funds from Britain, is safeguarded before the receiver steps down.

Award for Times journalist

By Mark Dowd

Miss Marjorie Wallace was yesterday awarded the National Schizophrenia Fellowship's John Pringle Memorial Award for 1985 for her series of articles, "Schizophrenia - the Forgotten Illness", published in *The Times* last December.

It is the first time the award has been made and commemorates the founder of the fellowship who died in 1984.

Mr Ludovic Kennedy, speaking on behalf of the judges, said the articles "constituted a quite outstanding contribution to public awareness of the effects of this tragic illness and the needs of those who suffer from it. They bring sharply into view the deficiencies of present services and are in the best traditions of concerned journalism".

The fellowship was founded in 1972 to spread greater understanding of the special problems arising from the illness and for the mutual support of relatives. It has more than 5,000 members throughout the country.



Miss Marjorie Wallace, first

Biffen is warned on reporter

By John Winder

A warning to the House of Commons of the absurdity of punishing a political reporter for leaking a committee report while not acting against the person who had shown him the report was given through the Leader of the House of Commons, Mr John Biffen, at Westminster yesterday.

The warning was about the case of Mr Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter of *The Times*, who is threatened with suspension from Westminster for six months for "leaking" a report of a Commons select committee.

Mr Ivor Owen, chairman of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, but not a member of the lobby, proposing Mr Biffen's health at a Press Gallery lunch, said: "It would be absurd in the extreme if, in defending its privileges, the House of Commons were to revert to the medieval practice of punishing the herald who conveys the message while taking no action against its originator".

Mr Biffen made no comment on the matter.

Mr Owen, Parliamentary Correspondent of *The Financial Times*, said: "Editors must be free to decide which journalists represent their newspapers at Westminster."

Church sells Shell holding

The Methodist Church said yesterday that it has disposed of its 220,000 shares in Shell Transport and Trading because of the involvement of Shell companies in South Africa. The holding was worth about £1.6 million.

During the past two years the Methodists have disposed of several holdings in other companies with large stakes in the South African economy: British Electric Traction, Marley Tiles, Northern Engineering Industries, Metal Box and Pilkington.

Impressionists very popular in New York

By Huon Mallatier

On Tuesday evening in New York Sotheby's held a remarkable sale of Impressionist and modern paintings, which produced \$31,542,500, or £20,219,551, with only 7 per cent bought in. Seven pictures made more than \$1 million each.

The most expensive, at \$2,860,000 or £1,833,333, made by a dealer from Europe, was "Au Bal de l'Opera" by Toulouse-Lautrec (estimate \$1 million to \$1,500,000). This dated from 1893 and showed a member of well-known Parisian society and Demimondaine figures, such as the Prince de Sagan, Maurice Guibert and Jane Avril, the dancer from the Moulin Rouge.

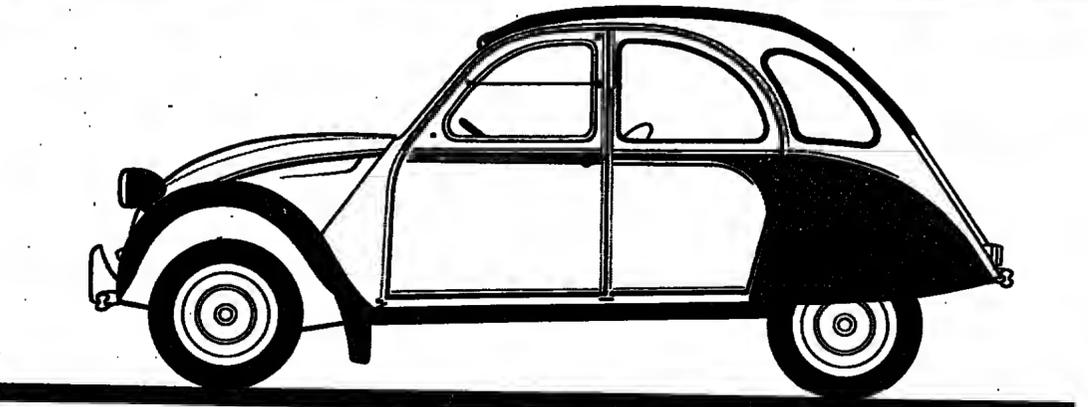
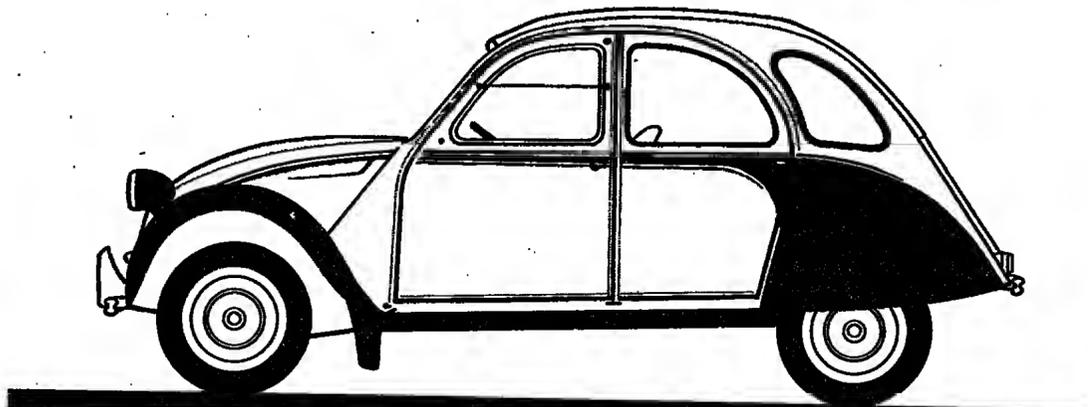
The first five lots in the sale came from the collection of Mr and Mrs David Bakalar, of Boston, and between them they made more than \$60 million. A Modigliani portrait of a Swedish girl, Amie Bjarne, ever-titling selling, and a ring went to a private American bidder at \$1,980,000 or £1,269,231, much in line with the estimate of between \$1.5 million and \$2.5 million. A pearl necklace in which the very attractive Faustin Latour countess was photographed by still-life of flowers and fruit Cecil Boston. This reached \$1.5 million, a record price for the Fr. 737,000 or £258,596.

artist of \$1,540,000 or £987,179 (estimate \$600,000-\$800,000). The same price, again a record, was made by a misty view of the Avenue de l'Opera by Camille Pissarro (estimate \$700,000-\$900,000).

The sale also included a number of sculptures by Henry Moore, one of which made a strong price of \$935,000 or £599,359. It was a bronze, two-piece reclining figure dating from 1960 (estimate \$700,000-\$900,000). Moore has written extensively about this piece, emphasizing the importance of the gaps and spaces.

In Geneva on Tuesday Sotheby's sold the jewels of the late Countess Anna Bismarck, an American who married a grandson of the Iron Chancellor, and both Sotheby's and Christie's of London. The jewels produced Swiss francs 7,837,500 or £2,750,000 with a step-cut diamond of 31.77 carats, made Fr. 2,470,000 or £366,666. There was also a two-strand million and \$2.5 million. A pearl necklace in which the very attractive Faustin Latour countess was photographed by still-life of flowers and fruit Cecil Boston. This reached \$1.5 million, a record price for the Fr. 737,000 or £258,596.

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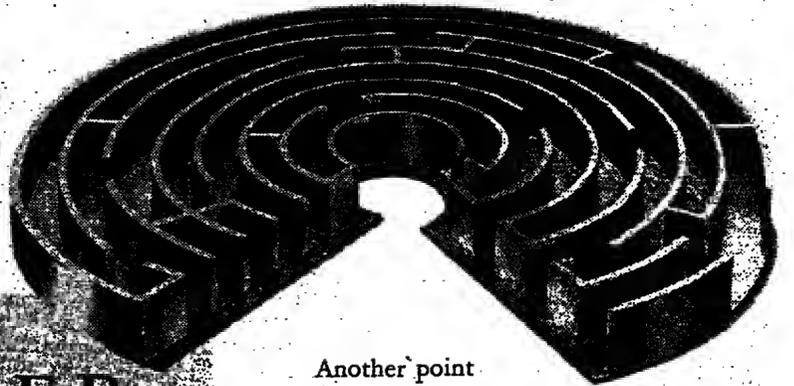
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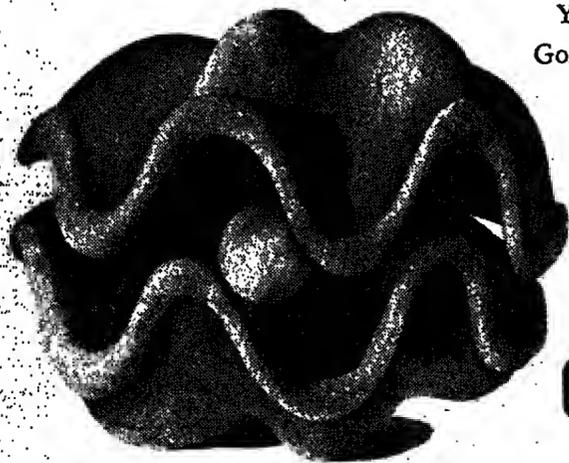
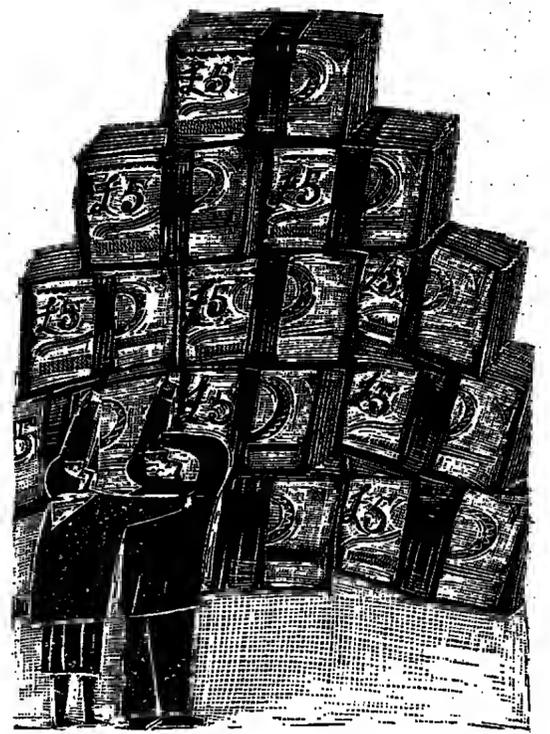
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US scientists pledge to reject funds for all Star Wars research

From Michael Binyon, Washington

More than 6,500 scientists have signed a "pledge of non-participation", declaring that they will not accept any money from the research funds for President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative.

The scientists, who include 15 Nobel laureates and the majority of professors in the leading university physics departments, called SDI "ill-conceived and dangerous".

They said further pursuit of a missile defence was likely to hasten an arms race on earth and in space.

Professor John Kogut, from the University of Illinois, said that 57 per cent of the teachers in the 20 leading physics departments would not accept SDI money.

To 109 physics and engineering departments, more than half the staff had signed the pledge. In all about 3,700 lecturers and 2,800 graduate students working in fields crucial to the programme were opposed to it.

Mr George Brown, a Democratic Congressman from California who also opposes SDI, said: "What we are witnessing is the third major uprising of the nation's scientists against an element of US weapons policy."

The only precedents were scientific opposition to atmospheric nuclear tests in the 1950s and the development of anti-ballistic missile systems 10 years later.

He said General James Abrahamson, the SDI director, was wrong in saying last autumn that only a few diehards were opposing SDI.

Last Friday a group of pro-SDI scientists announced the formation of a science and engineering committee for a secure world, and said they had already enlisted 30 research scientists supporting the programme.

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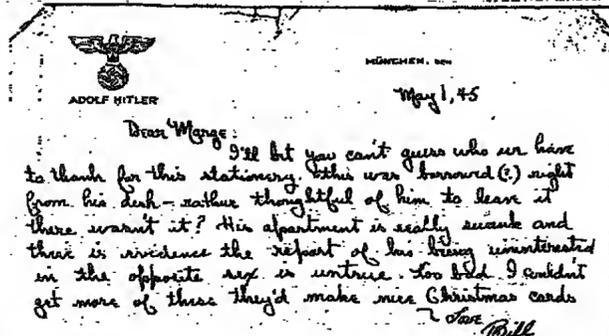
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Hitler war snapshots on show in America

Union, Illinois (AP) — A swastika-decorated photograph album soon to go on display at an antique museum here appears to contain snapshots of young Corporal Adolf Hitler and his comrades-in-arms during the First World War.

Mr Donley says it is the centerpiece of a collection of Hitler memorabilia Bill collected in the closing days of the Second World War and posted back to his wife.

The album contains 68 vintage snapshots of Hitler and other members of the 16th Bavarian Reserve, an infantry unit posted on the Western Front during the First World War.

Hitler had failed a physical examination in his native Austria when war broke out in 1914, so he emigrated to Germany and volunteered.



15 years jail for British soldier

Bielefeld (AP) — A West German court has convicted and sentenced a British soldier to 15 years' imprisonment for the rape and murder of an 18-year-old woman, a military spokesman said yesterday.

Squadron Leader Paul Donnelly of BAOR headquarters in Mönchengladbach identified the soldier as Richard Simmons, aged 25, of South Wales, who was accused of raping and strangling Sabena Rosenbohm of Lübbecke, north-west Germany 11 months ago.

Simmons, who is single, was assigned to the 54th Engineer Support and Ambulance Squadron of the Royal Corps of Transport in Lübbecke, said Squadron Leader Donnelly.

After consultations with British authorities, jurisdiction in the case was given to the Bielefeld regional court and prosecutor's office.

Simmons is being held in a West German prison in Bielefeld pending an appeal.

Kibbutz Briton strangled

Jerusalem (Reuters) — The body of a strangled 23-year-old British woman has been found near a roadside in Israel's southern desert region.

The woman, Lucy Amos from Kingston-on-Thames, had been missing since Monday from the nearby kibbutz of Shderot, where she had been working as a temporary volunteer.

Bologna trial

Bologna (Reuters) — Italian magistrates have asked for 20 people, including Licio Gelli, fugitive head of the illegal P2 masonic lodge, to be sent for trial for the bombing in 1980 of Bologna railway station in which 85 people died.

Press strike

Dhaka — About 1,200 Bangladesh journalists and more than 6,000 newspaper workers began a 24-hour strike to protest against publishers' refusal to pay a 30 per cent pay rise awarded by a government-appointed wages commission earlier this year.

Macao talks

Macao (Reuters) — China and Portugal will begin negotiations on Macao's future in Peking next month, the Peking newspaper *Qu Min* said here.

Gems sparkle

Geneva (AP) — Forty-one lots of jewellery from the estate of the late Countess Mona Bismarck were sold at a Sotheby's auction in Geneva for a total of 7,837,500 Swiss francs (£2,827,273).

Easy targets

Bonn (Reuters) — American soldiers in West Germany have been told to leave their cowboy boots and Stetson hats behind when they go out for the evening as their dress and behaviour is making them an easy target for terrorists.

Nato to debate chemical weapons

Brussels — Nato ambassadors meet here today to prepare for next week's meeting of defence ministers, which is expected to consider the tricky question of Nato approval for manufacture of modern chemical weapons in the United States (Frederick Bonart writes).

As these new chemical weapons are intended primarily for Europe, the US Congress has made its approval for funding their production subject to a request by Nato.

The weapons are to replace obsolescent stocks, but will be stored in the US.

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Lobbyist cuts White House tie

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Michael Deaver, the embattled lobbyist and family friend of President Reagan, has handed back his White House pass in an effort to prevent embarrassment to the President during the investigations into his activities.

Mr Deaver, the only former White House aide to retain his pass after leaving office, sent it back by messenger with a personal note. He has also asked not to receive further copies of Mr Reagan's schedule, and will no longer use the White House tennis courts.

His action, the first attempt to distance himself from the Reagan family, came a day after the General Accounting Office issued a report saying that he may have violated federal conflict-of-interest laws in lobbying for the Canadians on acid rain.

Mr Deaver told *The Washington Post* on Tuesday that he had terminated discussions with Satchel and Satchel, the British advertising agency that was proposing to buy his lobbying agency for \$18 million (£11.7 million). He also said he had never used his relationship with the Reagans on behalf of any client.

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Socialists try to censure Chirac over guillotine attempt on disputed Bill

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The opposition Socialists yesterday tabled the first censure motion, in response to the new French Government's attempt to use a parliamentary guillotine on a controversial enabling Bill, giving it the power to legislate by decree on a series of economic and social measures.

The Socialists' move came after the announcement by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, on Tuesday night that the Government had decided to call a vote of confidence to put an end to the blocking tactics adopted by the left against the Bill. It has already been subject to more than 600 amendments and three weeks of debate.

M Chirac's decision was prompted by the unexpected decision of the Socialists on Tuesday to table a further package of 20 amendments, despite having previously given an undertaking not to do so.

The Government has set itself an extremely tight legislative timetable, and it became clear that it would have to use the guillotine if the necessary legislation were to go through Parliament before the summer recess.

However, to outside observers it looks as if the Government has simply given in to the mounting pressure from its own supporters to get on with the implementation of its electoral promises.

On Monday, the leading right-wing newspaper, *Le Figaro*, caused a stir when it published a front-page editorial by M Alain Peyrefitte, the paper's editor-in-chief and former Gaullist minister, in which he effectively called on the Government to stop dragging its feet in order to avoid succumbing to "the tyranny of the status quo".

M Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme-right National Front, voiced more than just his own party's suspicions when he suggested that the requirements of maintaining a peaceful political "cohabitation" with President Mitterrand had forced M Chirac "to put a lot of socialist water into his liberal (right-wing) wine".

M Chirac is naturally anxious to move ahead quickly, both in order to satisfy his critics and to get the Government's programme of liberalizing the economy rolling.

But he feels that it would not be wise in a democratic

country for the Government to be seen to be taking too much power into its own hands by forcing legislation through Parliament, particularly when the Bill concerned is itself designed to give the Government additional powers to by-pass Parliament.

Furthermore, M Chirac knows that he will probably have to have recourse to the same guillotine procedure on the very next Bill to be presented to Parliament.

The Electoral Reform Bill, which would repeal the Socialist law on proportional representation and bring back the old system of majority voting, is strongly contested by several centre-right UDF deputies, who would stand to lose their seats under the old system, as well as by the National Front, the Socialists and the Communists.

The Cabinet yesterday gave its approval to the Government to use Article 49-3 on the Electoral Reform Bill, which is due to be presented to Parliament next Tuesday.

Not only does that procedure act as a guillotine, but it also enables the Government to avoid an embarrassing count of those opposed to it.



Black youths protesting against independence for KwaNdebele soak their shirts in water to reduce the effect of tear gas.

Apartheid the focus of Gandhi sub-Saharan tour

From Jan Raath, Harare

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, arrived in the Zambian capital, Lusaka, yesterday at the start of his first trip to sub-Saharan Africa.

During the next three days he will also visit Zimbabwe, Angola and Tanzania.

According to Indian High Commission officials, Mr Gandhi will use the trip to acquaint himself with black southern Africa's campaign against white-ruled South Africa.

Observers here see his visit as the most crucial of the trip because he and Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwean

Prime Minister, are members of a seven-nation committee which will examine next month's report by the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, and decide whether Pretoria is acting with sufficient determination to dismantle apartheid.

The report by the group, which is examining the prospects for change in South

Africa, may affect whether the Commonwealth will force Britain to take stronger action against Pretoria.

The report is also expected to be the main topic of discussion in Tanzania, the last stop on the trip, because Mr John Malecela, a former Tanzanian Foreign Minister, is a member of the group.

Transkei crash kills 31 children

Johannesburg (AP) — A bus carrying 176 schoolchildren overturned, killing 31 of them and injuring the rest, authorities in the South African homeland of Transkei said yesterday.

The accident on Tuesday night was the second bus disaster in the black homeland in two days.

A bus crashed on a mountain road in Transkei on Monday, killing 30 of the 97 passengers.

Mr George Matanzima, the homeland's Prime Minister, said he had asked the Transport Ministry for an explanation as to why so many children were packed onto one bus.

Mr Matanzima said the bus overturned on a road in the Engcobo district, in the western part of the homeland, as it was bringing the children back from a sports event.

The accident on Monday occurred in north-east Transkei when the gears and brakes of a bus failed as it was driving up a steep incline, police said.

The vehicle rolled backwards, struck a van, then overturned off the road.

Transkei lies along the Indian Ocean coast between the cities of Durban and East London.

Man in the news

'Realist' Obasanjo impresses Pretoria

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

If the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, which returned to South Africa yesterday, succeeds in negotiating the release of Mr Nelson Mandela, the black nationalist leader, as a first step towards a black-white dialogue, much of the credit will go to General Olusegun Obasanjo, the group's Nigerian co-chairman.

The former Nigerian head of state made a big impact on both black and white South Africans whom he met during two earlier visits to the republic this year.

In particular, he impressed members of the Cabinet as — in the words of Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister — someone who "knows the realities of Africa".

What produced this back-handed compliment was the fact that General Obasanjo, while being totally opposed to apartheid, was prepared to listen sympathetically to Pretoria's view that South Africa is a multi-ethnic state requiring a unique political solution which would provide special protection for minorities.

His understanding of South Africa's complex ethnic problems derives from his own experience in Nigeria, where successive leaders have supported the right of self-determination for the country's ethnic groups.

However, General Obasanjo and his colleagues all made a clear distinction between "pluralism", which accepts the equal value of minorities, and "tribalism", which is discriminatory and divisive.

The British-trained general took over as head of state after the assassination of General Murtala Mohammed in 1976. The first Yoruba to lead Nigeria, he carried out his predecessor's commitment to revise the constitution and return the country to civilian rule.

During his three years in office, the country was divided into 19 federal sub-states, an American-style constitution was introduced and multi-party elections were held. At the end of 1979 he led his troops back to their barracks and left the presidency for private life — a rare occurrence in modern Africa. Sadly, Nigeria's experiment with civilian rule was short-lived and the soldiers took over again in 1983.

General Obasanjo was born in Abeokuta, Ogun state, in 1927 and was trained at Mons before joining the Nigerian Army. He has personal experience of the devastating effect which tribal divisions can have in Africa. He served in the Congo in 1960 and then held a succession of senior posts in the federal Army during the Nigerian civil war. He accepted the surrender of the defeated Biafran forces in 1970.

Although he spends most of his time farming these days, he remains a highly respected and influential figure within Nigeria. A speech he delivered last year, which was implicitly critical of the Buhari regime, provided the spark which set off last August's coup by General Ibrahim Babangida.

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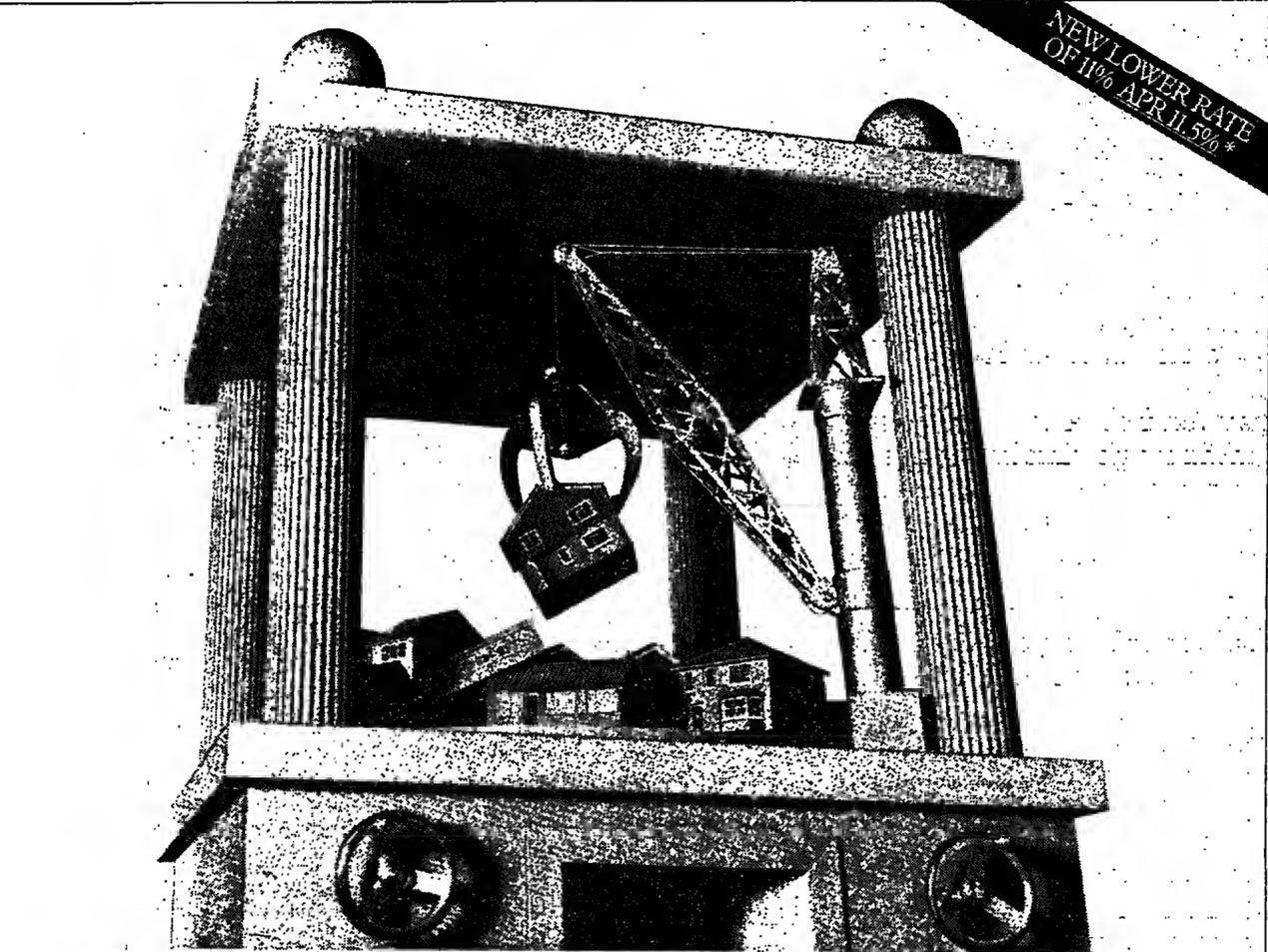
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Shuttles to resume next year

Washington (Reuters) — The United States hopes to resume its space shuttle flights by July 1987, Mr James Fletcher, the new head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), said yesterday.

The flights have been suspended since the January 28 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, in which its seven crew died.

Since the Challenger explosion, the space programme has suffered a series of setbacks, falling repeatedly in efforts to launch satellites with unmanned rockets.

Mr Fletcher, sworn in on Tuesday for a second term as administrator, said he had ordered a complete review of Nasa operations in an effort to overcome management problems.

Meanwhile, divers have recovered parts of the Delta rocket that went out of control and had to be destroyed shortly after being launched earlier this month.

Kremlin wants troops out

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union wants to bring home its troops from Afghanistan "in the near future", Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, one of the secretaries of the Communist Party Central Committee, said yesterday.

He quoted the former ambassador to Washington as telling a Moscow meeting that the withdrawal schedule was only waiting for a political settlement to be put into effect.

Mr Dobrynin said Moscow hoped for success in the indirect UN-sponsored talks in Geneva between Pakistan and the Soviet-backed Kabul Government, which had reached a crucial stage.

"The Soviet Union would like in the near future to return home the Soviet troops staying in Afghanistan..." he said.

The Kremlin sent in troops in 1979 and now has an estimated 115,000 men in the neighbouring Asian country, helping the Communist Government fight Islamic rebels.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS YEARLY PLAN



Spain sets seal on EEC membership MEPs applaud King's vision of a united free and firm Europe

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

King Juan Carlos of Spain yesterday called for an intensified European fight against terrorism and a "determining role" for the EEC in East-West disarmament within the framework of Western security.

Addressing the European Parliament and thus setting the seal on Spain's accession to the EEC, the King was warmly applauded for his vigorous call for a "free, united and firm Europe".

He brought MEPs, from far-right to Communist, to their feet during a speech proclaiming that Europe must not merely be a passive shock absorber for tensions but rather a force for peace. "We must use all the legitimate means at our disposal to protect freedom and democracy against fanaticism," he said.

The King's remarks followed a debate in which both socialists and conservatives called for a European defence and security policy, arguing that disarmament could not be left to the superpowers alone.

Mr Alasdair Hutton (Conservative, South of Scotland) said Europe's prosperity and

stability depended on a "strong and viable defence force". Some Conservatives, however, disagreed, insisting that European defence was best assured through Nato.

The socialists said energetic European action on defence would "prevent the superpowers from increasing tension on Europe's doorstep". Their resolution condemned European participation in America's Star Wars project.

Irish MEPs were joined by Mrs Winnie Ewing (Independent, Highlands and Islands) in objecting that defence was outside the scope of the EEC.

Mr Willem van Eekelen, the Dutch Minister for European Affairs, said political and economic aspects of security were covered by the Single European Act recently signed by the Twelve to advance European unity, although there was so far no common position on military matters and an EEC defence policy was probably a non-starter.

With Queen Sofia at his side, and backed by the flags of the Twelve, King Juan Carlos said Spain would not falter in its commitment to European unity, and was prepared to

ratify the Single European Act promptly.

"We shall not be deterred by minor difficulties," he declared, offering a fresh and uplifting vision to EEC-MEPs dispirited by European squabbles over issues such as Libya and Chernobyl. He pinpointed problem areas such as unemployment, regional tensions and environmental pollution.

King Juan Carlos said Spain had regained its natural place in Europe through pluralism and human rights, and he offered a confident vision of a Europe free of borders, which would supersede the existing Common Market.

For a moment MEPs appeared overcome by the enthusiasm of the Head of State of Europe's newest member. However, after he and Queen Sofia left to attend a lunch in their honour in the old town of Strasbourg, the ensuing annual wrangle over the EEC budget swiftly brought them back to earth.

What King Juan Carlos called "the divisions left behind by history" are clearly not yet eliminated.

The Great Wall on horseback

Shanhaiguan, China (Reuter) — The British explorer, Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison, is riding a Chinese cavalry horse along the Great Wall of China because he says it is the sort of eccentric thing that English people do.

"It's going to be absolutely marvellous," he said before setting out with his wife, Louella, from this village at the eastern end of the Great Wall, which winds for more than 3,000 miles.

"We will be riding through places where foreigners are not normally allowed to go," Mr Hanbury-Tenison, aged 50, set out from Shanhaiguan (Mountain-Sea Pass) last Saturday. The first stage of the journey will take about 10 days, ending at a section of the wall in the north of Peking.

The idea for the adventure was born on their last marathon ride, on Shire horses from the south of France to their home in Cornwall in 1984.

"Where should we go next, we asked ourselves," Mr Hanbury-Tenison said. "And the Great Wall it was." The two Mongolian horses, one said to have a "severe character defect", were bought for the equivalent of £160 each from a unit of the Chinese People's Liberation Army near Shanhaiguan.

Permission for the trip from the Chinese authorities took about a year to obtain.



The Hanbury-Tenisons at the start of their Great Wall ride.

Israel police shoot Palestinians in student protests

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli border police shot and wounded at least two Palestinians yesterday, when they moved in to break up a violent demonstration by hundreds of students from the University of An-Najah in Nablus.

The students had poured into the town in a counter-demonstration to a planned march through the centre by militant Jewish settlers to mark the thirty eighth anniversary of the foundation of the state of Israel.

Eye witnesses say that the students started the border police car on their way into the town. The policemen called for help and fired into the air. As reinforcements arrived, the students ran off into the narrow alleyways of the Casbah.

From there, military sources say, they began throwing stones at the border police. The police then responded by firing tear gas and rubber bullets, but the demonstrators refused to go away.

Then the police fired live bullets into the air and finally into the crowd, hitting one man in the chest and another in the leg, causing what were described as "moderate injuries".

According to Palestinian sources, a third man was hit in the head. Two women also needed treatment for injuries apparently caused by the stone throwing.

If the Nablus march ended with the town being placed under a strict curfew, an Israel itself tens of thousands of people celebrated independence day by visiting military bases and parading in the countryside.

A favourite spot for city trippers was Northern Galilee, even though three people were again killed there on Tuesday.

Katyn's rockets fired from the Lebanon border. The six anti-aircraft missiles shot down the Israeli plane, but the plane was shot down by the Israeli air force.

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6 officers suspended in Bilbao

From Harry Dehnbis, Madrid

The Interior Ministry has suspended six high-ranking police officers after Spanish leading news weekly, *El Mundo*, reported that they were under investigation for connections with the disappearance of a 26-year-old, several big-time drug traffickers and the unauthorised sale of weapons.

They are the chief of the regional brigade of the judicial police in Bilbao, Señor Javier Fernández Alvarez, the head of the hold-up squad in Bilbao, Inspector Miguel Angel Bevizanos Torres, the head of the first division of the Madrid hold-up squad, Señor Victoriano Gutiérrez Ebo, and other members of the Madrid hold-up squad, Inspector Rafael Jaime Portillo, the former hold-up squad leader in Santander, Inspector Antonio Caro Fontanilla, and another Inspector of the Madrid central brigade, Señor Abelardo Rafael Martínez García.

One of the cases being probed is that of the disappearance of a young criminal, Señor Santiago Corchero Ruiz, alias "El Nani", whose big police capture was escaped on the very night he was last arrested in Madrid.

A 36-year-old jeweller, who claims he was blackmailed and threatened in order to make him co-operate with crooked policemen, alleges that "El Nani" died of a heart attack while being interrogated.

Lisbon fo act on jail brutality

From Martha de la Cruz, Lisbon

An inquiry into police brutality in Portuguese prisons and police stations has led to disciplinary action of criminal charges being brought against 30 of the 350 guards at Viana do Castelo prison.

Another investigation into other police is expected to bring similar actions, and the investigations were suggested by Dr Almeida Ribeiro, the Ombudsman, a former president of the Portuguese bar association and Portugal's representative on the UN Commission for Human Rights.

He acted after a group of prisoners complained that one inmate had been blinded by guards during a riot in the prison.

Dr Almeida Ribeiro made public his committee's findings after presenting them to the Ministries of Justice and the Interior. When he had no response from the parties to Parliament, with the exception of the right-wing Christian Democrats, he immediately petitioned the Government to ask what action would be taken.

The other investigation committee, made up of representatives of the Ministries of Justice and the Interior, the police force and the office of the Ombudsman, further checked 166 cases of police brutality against ordinary citizens reported in the press.

Zia saves his Premier from embarrassment

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Zia ul-Haq has issued an ordinance which has apparently saved Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister, Mr Qaus Ali Shah, the Sind Chief Minister and a number of other members of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League from losing their parliamentary seats as a result of a legal loophole.

Several independent members of the National Assembly had asked Mr Fakir Imam, the Speaker, to refer an objection against them to the Chief Election Commissioner, to decide whether they could lawfully retain their parliamentary seats.

The opposition maintained that no sitting member could formally declare himself to be a member of a political party unless the party had been legally registered.

Now the President has issued an ordinance removing the bar against political affiliations.

Anti-Ershad strike cripples urban areas

Dhaka (Reuter) — Police patrolled the Bangladesh capital and other towns yesterday as a half-day strike called by opposition parties demanding the resignation of President Ershad crippled urban areas (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Three "homicide" attacks on police kept breaking the full here in the morning, as buses closed off the streets, shops closed, trains and airlines failed to operate and government offices reported low attendance.

More than 200 people were arrested in Dhaka during the strike, called by the Awami League-led alliance to protest against the recent election.

Gurkha riots put down by Indian police

Delhi (Reuter) — Police shot dead one demonstrator and arrested more than 100 during protests by Gurkhas campaigning for greater autonomy and language rights in north-east India, authorities said yesterday.

A 12-hour protest strike called on Monday by the Gurkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) has paralysed the Himalayan resort of Darjeeling in West Bengal state, police said.

One person was killed on Monday when police fired on GNLF supporters who attacked a police bus, killing five officers.

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Artukovic sentenced to death for role in Croatian war crimes

Andrija Artukovic, the 86-year-old wartime Croatian Minister of the Interior, showed no signs of remorse in court, pronounced him guilty of war crimes and sentenced him to death at the end of his trial, which lasted four weeks and throughout which he had been pleading his innocence.

Artukovic was convicted of four specific crimes, including the murder of civilians and prisoners of war. The indictment was restricted to these specific charges by the extradition treaty under which the United States handed him over in February this year.

The sentence itself was a foregone conclusion, but obviously Artukovic's family and his advanced age raise the possibility of delaying the execution.

The sentence must first be ratified by the Supreme Court of Croatia. The defence then has another possibility of appealing to the Federal Court, which might take several months, if not a year, as there is no real likelihood of the sentence itself being commuted in the Court of Appeals.

Stumping up the verdict, which rejected the defence arguments, including the one

From Dena Trovisan, Belgrade

that Artukovic was neither mentally nor physically capable of following proceedings, the presiding judge, Mr. Miro Gajski, spoke of Artukovic's responsibility for the ruthless massacres of civilians and prisoners of war as if he was "the master of life and death of hundreds of thousands."

He said Artukovic was Minister of the Interior and the author of legislation under which Jews, Serbs, and gypsies in the Croatian wartime puppet state were outlawed, deported to concentration camps, brutally tortured and killed in hundreds of thousands.

Under the cloak of protection of the nation and ideology, the race and religion, thousands of people were exposed to brutal suffering and put to death, Mr. Gajski told the court.

The defence challenged the indictment, demanding that it be totally rejected as unsubstantiated in court.

It argued that Artukovic should be acquitted because he was unable to follow proceedings and to defend himself.

Artukovic is suffering from partial blindness and sclerosis, but on several occasions during the four-week trial he vigorously defended himself and in his final plea told the court: "My innocence having been proved, I have nothing more to add."

Often, at the press sit behind the bullet-proof partition and listened to a procession of witnesses, including survivors from concentration camps, who testified movingly about brutalities they had seen and endured, Artukovic would reply angrily: "This is a lie."

Yugoslav authorities claim that more than 700,000 people, mostly Jews, Serbs and gypsies, were murdered in the concentration camps.



King Olav of Norway welcoming Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands at the beginning of her three-day official visit to his country.

Ex-dictator's asylum plea Costa Rica rejects \$1 billion offer to take Marcos

President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica has refused to grant political asylum to Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the deposed Philippines President, despite Mr Marcos's offer to give the Government \$1 billion (£654 million) in return.

In the first public statement to confirm the approach by Mr Marcos, the President's brother and Minister of the Presidency, Señor Rodrigo Arias, said Dr Arias had "strongly rejected" a petition for asylum "for reasons of national interest". The minister made no mention of Mr Marcos's financial offer.

A senior presidential adviser said the asylum request was made recently by one of Mr Marcos's daughters, who appealed on humanitarian grounds, saying her father was dying of cancer and was unlikely to live more than six months.

The daughter travelled secretly to Costa Rica and first met the outgoing President, Señor Luis Alberto Monge, who told her the decision would have to be made by Dr Arias. The daughter then met an official of the incoming administration.

She is said to have told the official that her father was willing to deposit \$1 billion in Costa Rica's central bank in two instalments: one immediately and the other after he arrived and received political asylum.

President Arias, who took office last week, rejected the appeal because, aides say, he feared it would damage Costa Rica's reputation as a democracy.

He is said to have considered it impossible to accept the \$1 billion because it had been, in effect, "stolen" from the Filipino people.

Mr Marcos said recently in Hawaii that the US State Department and President Reagan were making arrangements for him to travel to other countries, including Costa Rica, Panama and some Caribbean islands. A spokesman for the US Embassy here called this "totally false".

But the aide to President Arias said that the US did play a "very discreet" role in the negotiations. He said the US Government sent a cable to Costa Rica saying that it "would be pleased" if Mr Marcos were allowed "to visit other countries". The cable did not mention Costa Rica.

Life-saver takes Darwin's top job

Sydney — A one-time life-saver at Bondi Beach yesterday given the job of restoring stability to the divided Government of Australia's Northern Territory (Stephen Taylor writes).

Mr Steve Hatton, aged 38, was elected Chief Minister by the Country-Liberal Party parliamentary group after the weekend resignation of Mr Ian Tuxworth amid a scandal over travelling expenses.

Mr Hatton has the reputation of being a moderate in a thoroughly conservative region. Last year he supported the handing over of Ayers Rock to an Aboriginal community despite Mr Tuxworth's bitter opposition.

Elected to the Legislative Assembly less than three years ago, he will reportedly earn more as the territory's Chief Minister than Mr Bob Hawke does as the country's Prime Minister.

Jakarta embassies attacked

From A Correspondent, Jakarta

Two bomb-made rockets, one of them launched from a hotel room, hit the Japanese and US embassies in central Jakarta yesterday, but caused no casualties or damage.

The Japanese Embassy blamed one of its own nationals for the attack on its building, which happened at the same time as the strike against the US Embassy.

An embassy spokesman said: "We are almost sure that it was a Japanese." This was based on the fact that a Japanese national had rented room 827 of the President Hotel, where the rocket launchings were witnessed.

The hotel manager said there had been at least one hour before the rocket was launched, leaving a "Do Not Disturb" sign on his door.

A US Embassy spokesman said: "We do not want to speculate, but I can tell you the devices were very crude."

Sources at the British and French Embassies said they had stepped up security, fearing speculation that diplomats might be countries that had participated in the Tokyo Economic Summit earlier this month.

Top police sources said they had not arrested any suspects, nor had any group claimed responsibility for the attack.

A senior police official said: "The rockets were very crude and almost harmless." He said they could have hurt people but could not have penetrated a wall.

Thirty minutes after the two rocket attacks a car bomb exploded in the car park of a high-rise office building about 1.2 miles from the Japanese Embassy. There was no immediate indication if it was connected to the embassy rockets.

But one of the cars damaged belonged to the Canadian Embassy, which is housed in the building. These were the first bombings in Jakarta since 1984.

Waldheim on war crimes list

New York (NYT) — The master lists of war criminals, suspects and witnesses kept secret in the United Nations archives for nearly 40 years have been discovered on an open shelf in a military archive in Maryland.

The 80 mimeographed lists, organized chronologically by the UN War Crimes Commission from 1943 to 1948, read like a Who's Who of the Axis.

They include the names of senior wartime figures, from Hitler to Mussolini, as well as some of the most wanted Nazi war criminals sought by the Israeli Government and Nazi hunters such as the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies, based in Los Angeles.

Among the most prominent names on the lists are Alois Brunner, a former deputy to Adolf Eichmann, accused of brutality, who is reportedly living in Syria; Walter Kutchnann, a former Gestapo leader accused of murder, who was arrested last November in Buenos Aires; and Dr Hans Wilhelm König, a former deputy to Josef Mengele at Auschwitz, wanted for "complicity in murder and ill-treatment".

The name of the former UN Secretary-General, Dr Kurt Waldheim, appears on the seventy-ninth list.

The lists include the names of German industrialists and factory owners accused of "complicity in forced labour" and Jews used by the Germans as prison guards.

Much of the information on individuals is sketchy and will take months or even years to verify.

When it is disbanded, the commission turned over its 36,810 files to the UN for safekeeping without establishing precise rules for access.

The lists, which total about 3,000 pages, were found by accident last week by Mr Richard Boykin, an archivist on a shelf in the basement of the Washington National Records Centre in Suitland, Maryland.

'Old boy network' rules in Poland

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

In Poland it is theoretically possible for the party authorities to turn over a job in their fiefdom to a non-Communist if the candidate is exceptionally talented. But this does not happen often.

Between 90 and 100 per cent of top positions are occupied by Communist Party members. The average proportion of Communist Party members in ministries is 37 per cent, but, again, the departmental directors and their deputies overwhelmingly have party cards. And the Defence, Interior and Foreign Ministries have a well-above-average share even among the more lowly employees.

But, as the weekly *Przebieg* (Progress) commented, the party monopoly does not necessarily lead to efficient management. "Regular reviews of managerial staff usually give them top ratings. Still, despite such 'excellent' managers, about two million Poles fail to come to work every day. Another million a year change their jobs... 300 large plants, employing 3,000 managers who have been ap-

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THE TIMES PROFILE

BRIAN WENHAM

Brian Wenham's friends and enemies both say the same things about him. The new managing director of BBC Radio is, by common consent, "laid-back". He is literate, a composition man, witty and amiable yet slightly secretive. On the issue of his intelligence the two sides diverge: he is either too clever by half or he is brilliant. But when it comes to defining exactly who Wenham is and what he stands for everybody is in agreement - they haven't a clue.

The problem is the man's style. He seldom, for example, actually answers a question. He prefers instead to anatomize "the debate", to analyze the terms being used. Similarly he is not one to announce his intentions too far in advance - he prefers to immerse himself in a problem before arriving at the "right" approach. And, by his own admission, he is "less instantly clubbable" than the average BBC executive, preferring to fit home to Weybridge or the Royal Festival Hall when his day is done.

It all seems to leave wide open the key question: Is Wenham, 28, Huw Wheldon would have put it, a man with bottom?

Yet his laid-back rise through the corporate hierarchy continues. Every so often he is said to have been sidestepped, passed over, or frozen out, a couple of years later, he always emerges as powerful as ever and seemingly heading unstoppable for the director-generalship. With his latest move from number two in television to number one in radio there were the usual dark mutterings that the Wenham growth curve had finally flattened out. But the lessons of his past have been learnt - the most common interpretation now is that the job represents the climax of his grooming process for the top job.

Wenham was born in London in 1937, his father, who was "something in the Stock Exchange", died of a heart attack at the age of 32 leaving Wenham to be brought up by his mother in the Northamptonshire village of Ears Barton. At eight, he went to the Royal Masonic School in Bushey. His father had been a freemason and the school was run by the Brotherhood. Wenham, however, says with some firmness that he has not joined and there does not seem to be anything funny about his handshake. At 18

he went to St John's, Oxford, to read history and emerged feeling directionless. It was a surprising feeling under the circumstances. That Oxford generation seemed destined for the media - it included television personalities Melvyn Bragg and David Dimbleby, Guardian editor Peter Preston, and Andrew Knight, chief executive of the Daily Telegraph. But for a year he taught at a private school in the United States. He disliked the job, however, and returned to London to join ATV as a researcher.

After a year his boss asked him what he thought television should do. The fresh-faced Wenham replied that it should be so exciting that it should make people turn off, rush out of their houses and do something else. He left ATV to join ITN as a journalist.

It was the beginning of the Sixties and ITN, with Nigel Ryan and David Nicholas, was starting to build its reputation in opposition to the mournful, inhibited style of BBC television news. Wenham stayed for seven years, absorbing all the variations of TV news and current affairs. He was not, however, felt to be good on camera. During one interview with Harold Macmillan - a cutaway shot revealed a Wenham visage of such youthful blandness that it undercut the whole gravitas of the occasion. Taking the hint, Wenham concluded he was fated to dwell in the backrooms and, in 1969, he finally arrived at the BBC as editor of Panorama.

Characteristically, he found himself in the middle of one of his beloved "debates". In this case it was whether the current affairs flagship should be hard-hitting and investigative or sober and cerebral - a show with bottom, in fact. Equally characteristically, he managed to steer a course which took Panorama into the Sixties while maintaining its seriousness. In the process he discovered a rare and significant flair for film-editing - a talent which his friends still wave at the enemies who claim he knows nothing about production.

But it nearly killed him. He worked seven days a week on the programme for two years and then, just as he had moved into another job, he had a heart attack. He was 34. Sir Charles Curran, a Wenham patron, told him: "I have invested a lot of confidence in you. So bloody well stay alive."



The laid-back Brian Wenham: a seemingly effortless rise towards the top

The fate reserved for his father, however, was not for him. It was a one-off episode. Wenham suppressed his drinking and smoking habits and took to visiting a gym twice a week, a ritual that has continued to this day. But he does consume Macon with some relish and smokes - without inhaling - mensemung large cigars. The new job was head of the BBC current affairs group. The "debate" this time centred on the "Yesterday's Men" affair. This had involved a somewhat gratuitous onslaught on the Labour Party in opposition which had irked Harold Wilson and which resulted in some embarrassed rebuttling by the BBC. Wenham breezed in and stayed for seven years until 1978. Again the Wenham style emerged as a gradual, evolutionary pressure in the required direction. Again "the debate" was about the nature of news presentation and he cased the corporation into a competitive posture without actually outraging the tradi-

tionists. It was in the midst of this process that the legend of Wenham's scheduling talents was born. He had discovered a feel for the placing of programmes and for the strategic pointing of viewers in the right direction.

It was this strategic sense that brought him to the job of controller of BBC2 in 1978. The channel was ticking over happily in its upmarket niche but Channel 4 was on the horizon and any weaknesses had to be remedied. The Wenham pressure was applied - shrewd scheduling emerged and programmes were more elaborately plugged. The audience rose from around 8 per cent to about 12 and Wenham rose to become, in 1982, director of programmes, television's number two to Bill Cotton.

The number two part was clear enough but the actual job had a slightly mysterious air. It was not easily understandable to non-broadcasters and, furthermore, it had not existed prior to Wenham's

arrival. Inevitably the rumours spread that it was a sinecure. Wenham, the smart current affairs operator with an upmarket pedigree, was being shifted aside as showmen like Cotton and Michael Grade were given their head. Wenham might be a sharp scheduler with low ratings stuff but the BBC, threatened by an unsympathetic Tory Government, was now all about Dirty Den, Terry Wogan and the tabloid touch.

In fact the job had a history. It involved overseeing the production of programmes once they had been commissioned and then handing them back to the controllers of 1 and 2 ready for transmission. Wenham had become the supreme quality controller. It was an odd role for a man almost devoid of programme-making experience. Yet he came to regard that as an advantage - it gave him, he says, a certain humility.

In addition he ascended to the corporation's board of management and, last year, was asked by

BIOGRAPHY

- 1937: Born February in London but, after the death of his father, lived until the age of eight at Ears Barton, Northamptonshire.
- Education: Royal Masonic School, St John's College, Oxford (read history).
- 1962: Journalist with ITN.
- 1966: Married Elisabeth Downing; two daughters.
- 1969: Editor of Panorama.
- 1971: Head of the BBC Current Affairs Group.
- 1976: Controller of BBC2.
- 1982: Director of Programmes for BBC Television.
- 1986: Managing Director of BBC Radio, succeeding Richard Francis.

the director-general to coordinate the BBC's response to the Peacock Inquiry. And finally, in July, he will take over radio, a job he yet again analyses in terms of a "debate" - this time over the role of radio in the 1990s - and about which he is happy to talk endlessly without actually expressing an opinion. He will, he says, work out the right position for the BBC once he has absorbed the whole business of radio - a medium he insists on calling, manneristically, the wireless.

The point of the story is that Wenham has, by some unconscious, chameleon-like ability, become one with his environment. He does not have the sort of violent love-hate relationship with the corporation that is so common among producers, nor has he become subservient to its paranoia and frequent seizures of internal politicking. Instead he has assimilated its entire nature and arrived at an enviable equilibrium in which the idea of a contradiction between what Wenham wants and what the corporation wants is all but unthinkable.

This explains his oddly emblematic quality - he seems to incorporate the whole puzzling edifice of the corporation with its frequently Kafkaesque responses and baffling combination of unity and chaos.

And it is, almost certainly, the secret of his seemingly effortless success. For the age of broadcasting which has nurtured Wenham is not the same as the one that nurtured Reith. The idea of the television and radio system held together by a fierce moral vision has become meaningless. For one thing no such vision is sufficiently widely shared and, for another, broadcasting itself has become too vast and complex, too interwoven with every aspect of life to be subjected to one central, containing principle. Just as Wenham has become his environment, so broadcasting has become ours.

As a result the nearest thing to a "philosophy" to which you can commit him is the view that the role of the controllers of airwaves should be that of anonymous enablers. Bland if you like, but that does not matter as long as the programmes themselves emerge with passion, commitment and

quality. It begs, of course, a thousand questions about the nature of truth, of quality and so on. But for the relativist Wenham these emerge through the strange, intimate debates within the BBC, through his elliptical memos signed illegibly BW, and through the conviction that there always exists somewhere a "right" posture for the corporation to adopt. And, of course, it provides an entirely convincing, pragmatic rationale for preserving the corporation and keeping advertising out. The place works, there is not enough advertising to support all the broadcasting that seems about to descend upon us so, if you want any public service broadcasting, why not stick with this?

For the rest of the time he will alleviate his anonymity with systematic visits to the opera, concerts and with frequent conscientious attempts to "keep up" with the modern novel, an ambition fed recently by his role as a Booker Prize judge. At home in Red Cottage, Wey Road, Weybridge there will be his wife Elisabeth and his two daughters, Kate, 17, and Lucy-Jane, 19.

In spite of his widely proclaimed literacy, he has done no more than edit one book, *The Third Age of Broadcasting*, and has no particular ambitions in that direction, nor can he imagine working for anyone other than the BBC.

His office is neutral BBC, decorated with oddly unmemorable pictures, four small televisions and one big one, all switched on but mute and by now thickly scented with the smoke of the Wenham cigar. The man himself speaks from an almost supine position in an armchair, glancing occasionally at a protective press officer. The meeting ends by an unspoken consensus in the same "why are we here?" mood in which it began.

Leaving the presence of this enigma I encounter Alan Yentob, the head of music and arts, about to go in. "Say something nasty about Wenham", I urge. "Why? I like the guy", Yentob calls back over his shoulder as he ambles in for his glass of Macon and a dose of gentle pressure.

Bryan Appleyard

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Geldof's unspent force

When Sport Aid's African runner leaves Sudan tomorrow for a marathon which will take in 12 European cities en route to New York, he will be unrelenting, say the organizers, more people on the move than have ever run simultaneously before.

Bearing a flame lit from the fire of a relief camp on the Sudan-Ethiopia border, he will also be conjuring up a vast new injection of money as sponsors and donors dig into their pockets for sums that may equal the \$100million already raised by Band Aid Trust activities, though Band Aid is taking great care to make no predictions.

What is remarkable is the fact that Band Aid has managed to turn serious initial scepticism about its ability to spend the money sensibly into genuine respect both from governments and established aid agencies.

Bob Geldof, it seems, has invented a whole category of people who will give to charity - the young - and given their faith that he will spend their money wisely. He has also reassured prominent academics - so much so that they work on his behalf. How has he done it?

In October 1984 Bob Geldof saw Michael Buerk's BBC television report from south-

As rock passes the famine-relief baton to sport, Caroline Moorehead unravels Band Aid's financial balancing act

ern Ethiopia. Geldof rang his friends and a week later practically every pop star in Britain had agreed to join him in producing a record, with proceeds to the famine areas. The Band Aid song, put out just before Christmas, became the most successful single in the history of British pop music, selling two and a half million copies in less than three weeks. Eight million pounds poured into a trust run by, among others, a record producer, a theatre manager and a BBC controller. They spent it, rapidly and with little fuss, in the starving Horn of Africa.

By July the money was gone. But then came the two, simultaneous, Live Aid concerts - 16 hours of music, 200 songs by 52 artists - going out via 14 satellites from Philadelphia and London. By the end of August last year, \$92.1 million (about £65.7 million) had reached Band Aid's coffers; they decided to spend 20 per cent on logistics - shipping and trucking - and 20 per cent on emergency relief. By now



Altruist: Geldof during his visit to friends in need

Geldof had been joined by half a dozen young volunteers who shared his sense of urgency, in particular Kevin Jenden, an architect who had designed store houses for the Red Cross, and Penny Jenden, an anthropologist wife. They were soon chartering ships to carry food to Ethiopia and Sudan, and buying second-hand trucks to move the food around once it got there. If the second operation, the trucking, came in for a certain amount of criticism, and if Geldof's air of slightly-superior disbelief at the bureaucratic foibles and inefficiencies of the EEC and the aid agencies

One company wanted money to buy its own drug products

Geldof had always talked about keeping back some of the money for long-term development. The question was: who was going to decide how best to spend it? Early last autumn, his volunteers accepted that none of them really had the expertise to evaluate the proposals that now began deluging Band Aid. In October, a committee of

apportioning the funds under the chairmanship of Brian Walker, ex-head of Oxfam and currently president of the International Institute for Environment and Development.

The committee has now been meeting for six months. More than 600 proposals have reached Band Aid from every conceivable agency; they continue to do so, although the books are officially closed. Proposals have ranged from clearly greedy projects requiring large staffs, each member paid £30,000 or more a year, to the ludicrous - towboats with which to pull icebergs from the Arctic, or algae ponds in geodesic domes stretching across the Sahara. But there have also been dozens of realistic, manageable suggestions.

Money has been given to a women's cooperative in Mopti, Mali; a tree planting scheme in the Sahel; a brick-making project in Timbuctoo; a bee-keeping enterprise in the Sudan. The priority, after the rehabilitation schemes, was returning people to the lives they lost in the famine by giving them oxen, seeds and fertilizers. Money goes to low-key projects which take the needs and realities of local life into account.

Future need is important: \$72,000 (Band Aid deals in dollars, not pounds) has just gone to Euro Action Accord in the Sudan to study what will be needed - not this year, but next year and the one after. And where money has not gone is as interesting as where it has. Penny Jenden, now in charge of long-term development, says that at the start "the world regarded us as total wallies". Requests came in, hastily scrawled out, with no trouble taken to calculate costs. One United Nations agency put in for \$15m for a water improvement scheme for an entire region - written on two short sides of paper; a veterinary drug company asked for more than \$2m to buy its own products.

The committee gathers twice a month - spending somewhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million each time. Nine million dollars have gone, \$35 million remains. Band Aid has discovered that it is not easy to spend this sort

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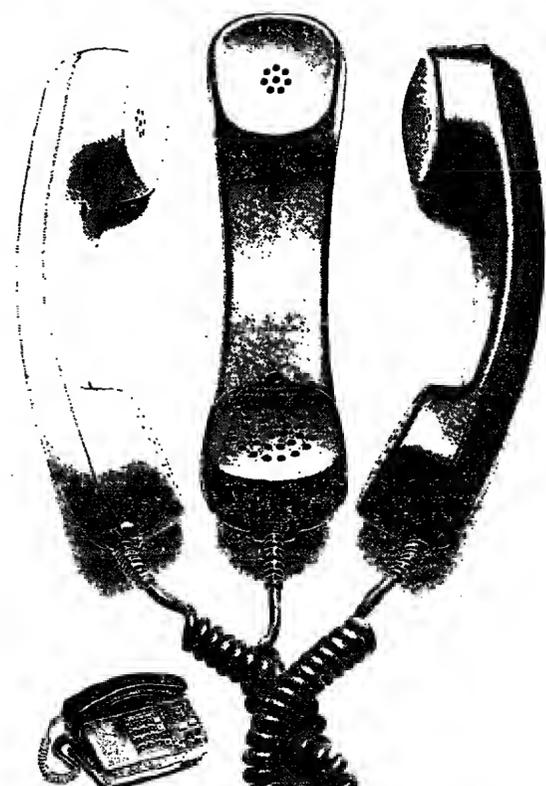
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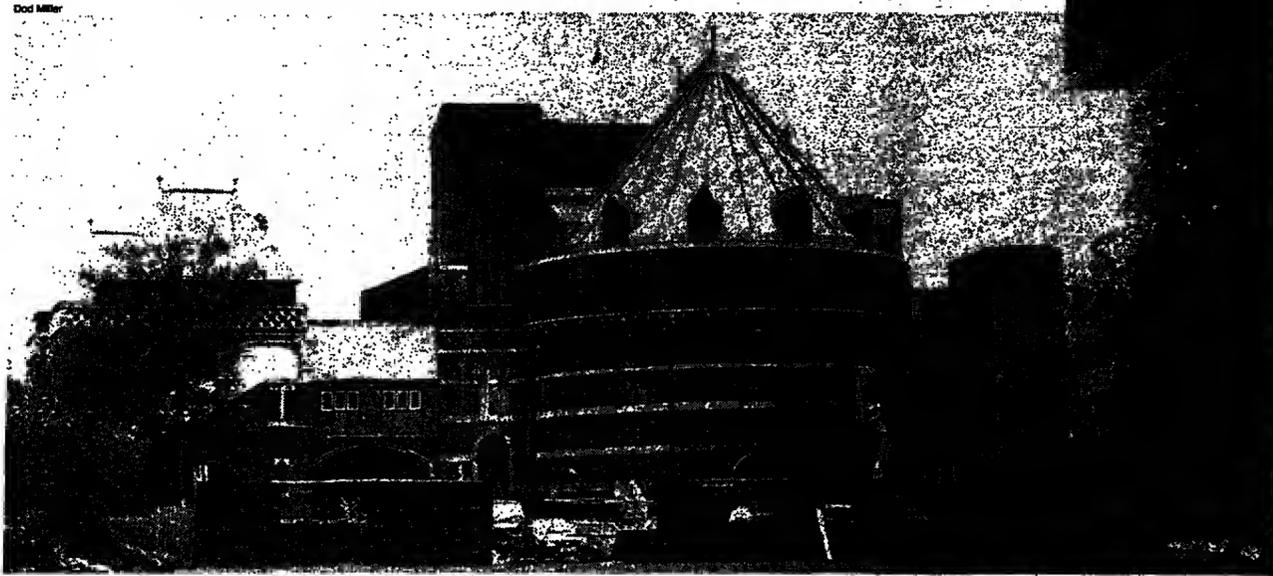


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A two-page Special Report looks at Stratford's elegant new theatre and the anonymous benefactor who made Trevor Nunn's dream come true

Shakespeare & Co move into their second home



The cathedral-like Swan Theatre with its steeply pitched roof, braving the vagaries of audience taste, and inset, the director, Trevor Nunn

Theatrical novelty is like virginity, according to a racy Jacobean simile used by Shakespeare and his contemporary John Fletcher in the play *The Two Noble Kinsmen*, with which the Royal Shakespeare Company is inaugurating the Stratford Swan. Their reasoning must have some attractions for Trevor Nunn and the RSC's governors as they launch what in the financial circumstances of the mid-1980s must be counted a risky theatrical enterprise.

In Shakespeare and Fletcher's verse, "New plays and maidenheads are near akin. Much followed both, for both much money given." But even good plays with impeccable literary lineage can be greeted with hisses. The playwrights have no choice but to appeal to their audience in the most plaintive terms.

If the audience perseveres "you shall hear scenes may yet appear worth two hours' travail." And Trevor Nunn

and co must endorse the appeal. For the Swan's prospectus of lesser-known dramatic works from English writers of the 17th century will require Stratford audiences to possess a modicum of curiosity and a measure of patience, while what the RSC believes is the literary and theatrical merit of these plays unfolds.

If not, the prologue to *The Two Noble Kinsmen* sounds a warning, "If this play do not keep/A little dull time from us, we perceive/Our losses fall so thick we must need leave." The Swan is a break-even enterprise. It is not supposed to receive any of the RSC's Arts Council subsidy, which leaves it exposed to the conservatism and vagaries of theatre-going taste. Yet it is more than another theatre, a complete addition to the RSC's stable of stages. Trevor Nunn conceives it — without didactic overtones — as a way of leading audiences into the context of Shakespeare, of

educating them about the theatrical efflorescence of the Elizabethan and Jacobean era, of carrying them with him an enthusiasm for that transitional period of English drama during the Restoration of the Whig Ascendancy of the early 18th century.

If the Swan does succeed, it will come to be seen as a natural expression of Trevor Nunn's directorship of the RSC. The accident of the anonymous benefaction for the theatre, the discussions about alternative uses for the stage: they will be put on one side when the scale of Nunn's ambition is remembered. It is, definitively, to contextualise William Shakespeare by permanently adding to the canon of performed and performable plays the works of his immediate predecessors and contemporaries and those odd pieces, the apocrypha, the authorship of which is disputed but which, directly or indirectly, Shakespeare had a lot to do with.

Very Man in His Humour (the first performance of which at the Swan this week gives the lie, Nunn said, to the idea that Jonson wrote not about people but about personality traits).

"I found out that Heywood's *The Fair Maid of the West*, which I'm directing, is an indicator of what entertained Elizabethan audiences: it's stiff with right-wing propaganda, but it has journalistic energy and theatrical exaggeration."

The Swan, in Nunn's conception, is to be a Shakespearean theatre, but in no obvious sense. "When we first thought about the Swan I considered putting Shakespeare into it. I've long had a hunch, for

formed with boys in the female roles to see how the disguises really work. Those could be the ways of introducing Shakespeare proper into the Swan.

"We might double up with the main house by staging a drama with a Shakespeare theme: *The Spanish Tragedy* with *Hamlet* perhaps." Nunn touches there on what will be both the Swan's great opportunity as the RSC's new Stratford stage and its predicament as an unsubsidised junior partner in the RSC firm.

On the first count — the programmes at the Stratford main theatre and the Swan could be meshed in all sorts of fascinating ways. Paul Taylor recently proposed that *Measure for Measure* might run alongside John Marston's *The Malcontent*. Both turn on prices taking on disguise; their juxtaposition might give audiences a better idea of the convention. Another suggestive combination is *Richard II* and John Ford's *Perkin Warbeck*, contrasting sturdiness in power and personality.

The predicament is that the Stratford magnet is, and is likely to remain, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, its big name actors and actresses and mainline Shakespeare. The Swan is, financially and in terms of the company's actors, a marginal activity; its programme will have to fit in with the imperatives of filling the main theatre.

But it would not do to underestimate the Swan's attractions. Here is a new theatre, architecturally fascinating, with many months' worth of novelty value. The knowledge, the

theatre-going public has of Jacobean and pre-Shakespearean drama has been expanding in recent years as the National Theatre and the smaller companies in Oxford and Glasgow have put on lesser-known works. Jonson's *Volpone* and *The Alchemist*; Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi*; and Ford's *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* are by no standard well-known; so much so that it has become fashionable to denigrate them by comparison with those authors' other works.

General interest is running high, as evidenced by the publicity recently given to the discovery of a manuscript scene from an early 17th century play thought to be written by Webster. Add to that the enthusiasm of Nunn's co-director, notably Barry Kyle who is putting on *The Two Noble Kinsmen*. Again, to that the RSC's starring attractions, such as Simeon Cusack and Jeremy Irons, neatly placed in the middle of the forthcoming season at the Swan in Aphra Behn's *The Rover*, opening in July. The sum is surely a respectable success for the Swan's first year, whether or not American tourists come to Stratford.

"I would now ask you how we like the play," asked Shakespeare and Fletcher at the end of *The Two Noble Kinsmen*. Perhaps Trevor Nunn will say with them: "I am cruel fearful — No man shake! Then it goes hard, I see." Let him hiss, if displeased. But the playwright must have hope.

"If the tale we have told — For tis no other — any way content ye, For to that honest purpose it was meant ye, We have our end."

A Jacobean feel for the playhouse

Viewed from across the River Avon, the steeply pitched roof of the new Swan Theatre is a sight to behold. A Notre Dame of any size seems out of place in this little town, but the roof of the great cathedral of Stratford-upon-Avon is a sight to behold. The architect's plan is to erect a new theatre to the arts of the 17th century, a theatre that will be a professional proposition, a theatre that will be a professional proposition, a theatre that will be a professional proposition.

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The mystery man who joined the angels

A rainy afternoon in Warwickshire. In the Forest of Arden the nymphs and satyrs linger about. But in Stratford-upon-Avon an American Croesus in a trenchcoat ventures forth. After a matinee, he visits the old Memorial Theatre library and comes across an architect's model, gathering dust on a shelf. It is a representation of the interior of a theatre. Croesus is enchanted. He makes inquiries, is introduced to Trevor Nunn. He is told the model is a conception of a third Stratford theatre, Nunn's dream for an additional stage that might, for example, be devoted to the works of Shakespeare's contemporaries deepening our knowledge and appreciation of the Bard himself. Croesus produces a cheque book. He signs but leaves the amount blank, and hands it to Nunn. The new Swan is in good company. The benefactor must not be named. And since his gift was made in 1983, Nunn and a couple of other initiates have held their tongues.

That more or less, is how the Swan's building has been financed. It does indeed have the characteristics of a fairy story. But the history of the theatre is full of "angels" who have risked their money on actors so the Swan's benefactor is in good company.

The exact amount of his generosity has not yet been made public. But his capital, to the tune of several millions, has covered all building work, technical fees, provision for temporary rehearsal space during building (to replace the facility provided by the old conference hall) and installation of basic lighting and sound equipment within the auditorium.

Michael Reardon, the Swan's architect, says he has tried to keep likely maintenance costs to a minimum. These and all future current expenses will fall on box office receipts. Nunn has given an undertaking to the Arts Council and the governors of the RSC that the Swan's expenses will not absorb any of the company's public subsidy.

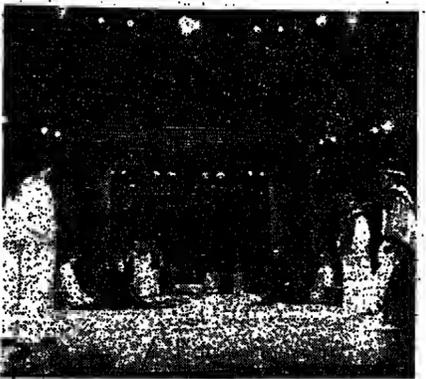
To keep expenses down, only a few extra actors are to be taken on by the RSC —

about 10 in all — and Swan productions will rely on the strength of the existing company.

There must, however, be some possibility that in the future the Swan will stake a claim on public subsidy. The Other Place was originally supposed to be self-financing but eventually it received Arts Council money. James Sargent, the RSC's consultant on the project says not the extra elements in the RSC budget to pay for the Swan will be separately accounted for.

The Swan will break even if 75 per cent of its seats are sold. Tickets are to be priced somewhere between the level of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and The Other Place, around £5, £8.50 and £10.

Mr Sargent says the market research done by the RSC for



The beginning: The Two Noble Kinsmen was the first production at the new Swan Theatre

been to produce) or Thomas Heywood's *The Fair Maid of the West*, which is being put on later this season, were the possibilities of their age.

But assuming the Swan gets its audiences, is there not a danger that attendances at either The Other Place or the main Stratford theatre or both will correspondingly fall? Mr Harlock and his colleagues have been energetically devising ways to increase the sum total of theatre-going to avoid this. Their various Stratford packages have been adjusted to accommodate visits to the Swan. Veritable orgies of theatre-going have been laid on offering a matinee at one theatre and an evening session at another with three-course meals in between.

The Swan, says Mr Harlock, may offer in addition its own audience, perhaps one accustomed to sitting in a single room in proximity to the performers.

The Swan's season was initially projected as running from April to October, leaving the winter free for concerts and the conference trade. But the RSC is experimenting. Mr Sargent indicates that if the season goes well (and early bookings are encouraging) then the run of plays may be extended to December or January. That will not preclude alternative uses, for example by Stratford amateur groups or for weekend concerts.

In one obvious way the Swan will connect with London and the RSC at the Barbican. It is hoped that Swan productions will take off and transfer to London in the way of current Stratford work. But in another sense the London connection may be minimized.

At present 85 to 90 per cent of Stratford's overseas theatrical tourists come through London. In this year of terrorism, says Mr Harlock, the London gateway may deter Americans who would otherwise have no qualms about their safety in the Forest of Arden. As a long-term ambition the RSC at Stratford would like to encourage tourists to fly into Birmingham airport and on to Stratford.

Other writers in the limelight

"At last we can do what we have yearned to do for many years," Trevor Nunn said recently. "We can explore Shakespeare's context by presenting the rarely or never seen work of his contemporaries, the plays that influenced him, and the plays he was rumoured to have had a hand in writing."

The test of the Swan will be whether these works reach beyond the scholars and the buffs to a wider audience, which though it might have seen (and enjoyed) *Volpone* does not know Ben Jonson's *Sejanus*. The enthusiasm of Nunn and his coadjutors in offering them is unmistakable.

"Directors are genuinely thrilled about the possibility of what they can bring to light for the first time, or rather for the second time in a different context. We have the literary and scholarship responsibility. If we do not do the works who is going to do them? If we do not proclaim their existence and celebrate the language in which they are written there is every possibility that by the time we go into the next century the opportunity to proclaim will have gone."

Nunn's proclamation begins this season with *The Two Noble Kinsmen*, "tragic romance" written according

to the best estimate in 1613 by Shakespeare and John Fletcher. It exemplifies the joint authorship common at the period. Nunn compares it to modern-day writing for the cinema — and the multiple use of a single plot (this one comes from Chaucer's *The Knight's Tale*).

As a play it looks back to Shakespeare's own *Tempest* and forward to the Fletcher-Beaumont collaboration on *The Maid's Tragedy*. For those who care to look there are echoes of *Hamlet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* — as Professor Frank Kermode put it, "there is a series of mad scenes in the subplot, which descend from Ophelia's, but have Fletcher's peculiar nastiness."

The RSC is intent on rescuing Ben Jonson from his best-known works. "I feel there is a bounden duty to do more Jonson than has been presented in this country. He is a very great dramatist indeed," says Nunn. The second play opening this season is *Every Man in His Humour* written in 1598, the year Jonson was imprisoned for killing a fellow actor in a duel.

Professor Anne Barton has called it a comedy poles apart from Shakespeare's own. *Every Man in His Humour* is intensely urban, a vibrant, meticulously realized account

of one day in the life of a great mercantile city. Romantic love is no more important here than other more mundane human activities.

Nunn's conception of the Shakespeare's "context" is classic. "We must push on beyond the direct Shakespeare period. There is a vast body of Jacobean work that is contradictory and we do not know how to tackle it. Clifford Williams did a wonderful production of Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta* where he produced a strange black comic style."

But this season the RSC is putting Jacobean tragedy to one side. The fourth play in the run is a fast-moving romp by Thomas Heywood, a prolific and popular playwright who despised plays that were for reading and printing in Folios rather than for performing on the stage. *The Fair Maid of the West* is a romance with a heroine who survives pirates and lovers round the Mediterranean shores.

Perhaps making a bow to contemporary feminism, the third play this season is *The Rover* by Aphra Behn, said to be the first professional woman playwright. *The Rover* dates from 1678 and represents Nunn's intention "to be doing some of the earliest of the Restoration plays because there is obviously a kind of

umbilical connection between these and the earlier period of drama.

"We tend to think there was Shakespeare and then the Jacobean and then the theatres closed down and 40 years later Charles II came back and the theatres were reopened and everything was influenced by the French and it was all totally different. Yet it is not totally different. We can find connections and they will sometimes be literary, sometimes practical, sometimes to do with the way we present them."

"Mrs Benn's play draws part of its richness from the fact that she had to conceal her sex to get it staged. Professor Barton said 'Set in carnival time, filled with masks and disguises, it sets a large cast of principals adrift in a world temporarily run mad, to discover the manifold shapes of love and desire.'"

The pace of these plays, their verbal colour and theatricality sound well suited to the RSC. Yet because they require the audience to be challenged in its historical and literary knowledge and its staging assumptions the RSC is taking a risk. The best that can be said of the new Swan is that few theatrical enterprises have had a finer physical space as their setting.

BOOKS 1

I sent a letter to my love

The letters behind the Abdication crisis are private, banal and would be better unpublished



Silver wedding cruise 25 years after the affair of state

In his introduction dated the very day the Duchess of Windsor died, Michael Bloch states that it was the Duchess's wish that these letters be published. He continues: "She determined that, at the right moment, the truth should be known to the world in the form of the authentic contemporary record." Mr Bloch goes on to say that when the Duchess fell seriously ill in 1975 it was Maitre Blum who gave effect to her instructions.

I do not believe that the Duchess of Windsor's cause has been well served by the publication of these letters. At the time of the Duke's funeral, Prince Philip and Lord Mountbatten asked the Duchess about her plans for the Duke's papers. She agreed that they should go to the Royal Archives, and later in 1972 the Librarian came over to Paris to take them to Windsor. The Duchess's Private Secretary, the late John Utter, found some letters between the Duke and Duchess and drew these to her attention. He suggested that she should decide if she wanted to keep them or send them to Windsor. But the Duchess was not up to the effort and she never looked through them. By April 1978 the Duchess was very ill; the two private secretaries had been dismissed; and Maitre Blum controlled her affairs. In the autumn of that year the

Hugo Vickers
WALLIS AND EDWARD
Letters 1931-1937
Edited by Michael Bloch
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95

redoubtable lawyer told *The Times* that, before the Duke's death, he handed the papers to a friend and historian intending that they should be published after he and his wife had both died.

Love letters are usually best left unpublished because their intimate tone tends to be embarrassing to outside readers. In this case the justification for their publication is that they refer to affairs of state and particularly to the Abdication. The Duke and Duchess both published their memoirs years ago, which was surely their chance to set the

record straight. They were both sufficiently aware of their experience as writers to employ ghosts. Regrettably these love letters did not have the benefit of a ghost. They did have the benefit of Mr Bloch's editorial, which reads at times like the dramatic programme notes to an opera: "While the Duke's mind is fixed on a coming eternity of bliss, she sees their love in terms of a heroic solidarity..."

Mr Bloch also guides our judgement of the letters and Wallis, telling us for example that she "exercised a great fascination on lesbians," and later quoting the contemporary belief that she was "bewitching the Prince with some kind of sexual sorcery." Other authors have incurred Maitre Blum's wrath for making such suggestions. What does emerge is the Duchess of Windsor's absorption in her own status, first as an ac-

quaintance of the Prince of Wales, then as the King's confidante. We learn that she liked to see the American press cuttings, good or bad, and that she did mind about not being an HRH. Her comment (on page 258) concerning the King's Proctor finding a case against her divorce: "Frankly I don't think he will find one," strikes me as revealing. However, she is wrong to suggest that Lord Beauchamp lost his Garter when he was sent abroad in 1931.

Mr Bloch tells us the story of Newbold Noyes, who interviewed the Duchess for a discreet and restricted profile of her. Bloch says: "When the Abdication came, however, it was too much for Noyes to respect these confidences and miss the chance of a scoop that lay in his grasp." I have the feeling that with these letters history has repeated itself.

Lift up your Heads
Byron Rogers

HEADMASTERING MAN
By Stowers Johnson
Hale, £9.95

The extraordinary thing about this autobiography is that it could end up being classified as history. The Headmaster, as anybody over the age of 40 will remember him, that figure of dread, has gone from the State system almost as completely as the Reeves and the Count of the Saxon Shore.

He can no longer expect pupils, as the Manchester *graffiti* row has shown. He cannot even put them in detention, as my old Headmaster once told me, because darkness falls, and the local authority will not be responsible for their safety. The Headmaster survives, like the last of the Western Emperors in Rome.

Mr Stowers Johnson is old enough to have heard the chiming at midnight. The chimes of happily informed Swedish Radio was the first resort in his school. As an Essex schoolmaster his writ ran everywhere behind the gate, even to the canteen. Seeing a dead hare in the sports field after an air raid, he was able to tell a boy, "Run across and fetch that: we'll have it for lunch."

Yet he lived on into a time when a mild reprimand to a boy with shoulder-length hair made the papers. But the main villains are local bureaucrats and politicians wastefully contemptuous of the old heads of boyhood, amongst them a man who quietly bought up the grounds around his school, so that he owned half the premises by the time he retired. Such things were possible when giants walked the earth.

There is, as you would expect, much bleak humour in this book. There is the Essex school evacuation plan during the last war, which involved children sailing down the Thames and out into the North Sea. This was done. Incredibly, all survived.

But even more bizarre is the matter of the two schools. Johnson was the head of a secondary modern at Aveley, a sturdy brick structure built in 1939, and standing in 15 acres of playing-fields. The local authority planned a grammar school just a mile and a half away; but then, at the last minute, changed its mind, and the school became a secondary modern. But what were they to do with the children, staff, and building at Aveley? At first it was thought that the children would transfer, and the staff apply for jobs. The teaching unions stopped that. So they were left with an empty, brand-new school, costing £250,000. What happened next, and the way the school got given away, is the best thing in this autobiography.

When Johnson last saw his old school, it was being bought by a supermarket chain. It is possible to get much pleasure out of this book. The alarm is secondary, as in Swift.

Odd but worth the visit

CRIME
Marcel Berlins
DEATH IS A LONELY BUSINESS
By Ray Bradbury
Grafton, £9.95

The setting is Venice, California, in 1949. They are knocking down the amusement pier. A body is found; more curious deaths to follow. The destruction of the fairgrounds and circuses is matched by the disintegrating lives of the grotesques and misfits that inhabited them. Through the real and metaphorical rubble, a young unnamed writer of pulp fiction and eccentric cop Elmo Crumley look for answers.

It is Bradbury's first novel for more than 20 years; and it is his first in the detective rather than science-fiction format. But we are unmistakably back in Bradbury-land — a disturbing, surreal, surprising and often shocking place, but well worth the journey.

- A Nice Class of Corpse, by Simoo Brett (*Macmillan, £7.95*). Murderer at large in ever-so-genteel South Coast home for the rich elderly. Mysterious new resident Mrs Parterger meddles. As usual, Brett excels in atmosphere and witty dialogue, but his characters are just a little depressing.
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- Man's Loving Family, by Keith Heller (*Collins, £7.95*). Evocative re-creation of 1727 London, with parish watchman George Man, temporarily out of work, meeting pre-Tom-Jones Henry Fielding and trying to save a poet from an unjust gallows. Grippingly atmospheric, successful fact-fiction blend.
- Storm Centre, by Douglas Clark (*Gollancz, £8.95*). Chief Super Masters, recuperating, takes up lecturing at police college and unofficially looks into unsolved child killing. Disappointingly thin on action, thick on social chat.
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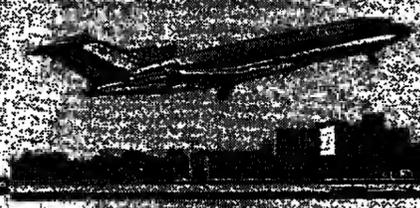
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BOOKS 2

Is your Oxford man human?

Editors of undergraduate magazines know that the easiest way to fill their pages is to interview a selection of famous alumni, and let them reminisce to their hearts' content. Politicians claim that they really wanted to be actors; writers accuse the university of having been an irrelevance; names are dropped; reputations are besmirched.

Edward Whitley's selection of interviews with distinguished Oxford graduates from Harold Acton to William Boyd is therefore not original. Indeed, many of those he has interviewed have already themselves written at length about their time at Oxford. This of course need not matter. A very interesting book could be written about the nature of an Oxford education and how far it affected the lives of those who experienced it.

Although Oxford provides the starting point for the discussions in *The Graduates*, the talk soon moves to an examination of the life and work of the specimens. Sometimes this is understandable, for, as they are the first to admit, Oxford played a small part in their education. Mrs Gandhi told the author: "I was at Somerville for only a year, and I am afraid even then my thoughts were far from education"; while the Marquess of Bath had to admit he left Oxford after a year because he "hadn't got a brain."

It is a pity that Whitley has failed to make as much as he could of this impressive galaxy, or to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for cross-reference and irony. Robin Day, Peter Jay, and Michael Heseltine were all Presidents of the Union, yet little attempt is made to analyse why they tried to become President and how it affected their careers subse-

Andrew Lowrie

THE GRADUATES
By Edward Whitley
Hamish Hamilton, £12.95

quently. Acton, Betjeman, and Powell were all in the Twenties, members of the so-called Brideshead generation; yet the only cross-reference is when Powell denies that Longford was the model for Widmerpool in *A Dance to the Music of Time* - something Longford mysteriously is proud to boast of.

It is Powell who perhaps identifies the problem of the book. "The whole idea of interviews is in itself absurd - one cannot answer deep questions about what one's life was like - one writes novels about it."

Occasionally the subjects escape the strait-jacket their interviewer has strapped them into, and try to analyse their Oxford experiences. Roger Bannister has some pertinent comments on what it was like to be at Oxford after the Second World War, when there were two types - those who had won the war, and those for whom it had been fought. Richard Ingrams speaks, albeit perfunctorily, about how *Private Eye* was shaped by a number of his Oxford contemporaries.

I can understand how the interviewees were quickly irritated by their interviewer, to the extent that Basil Hume ended the interview half way through, and Michael Palin fled in despair. Whitley is often badly prepared and his questioning naive. All too often he is content with the conventional reply. The result is a pot-pourri of a book that tells one little about Oxford, or even the lives and work of those he has chosen to speak to.



Light shining in darkness

Peter Ackroyd on the latest report from the blind man who sees farther than the rest of us and writes better

SOUND-SHADOWS OF THE NEW WORLD
By Ved Mehta
Collins, £15

If there is a kingdom of the blind, then Ved Mehta is both its chronicler and its revolutionary. There is a photograph of him standing with Pandit Nehru, many years ago, and one's attention is immediately drawn to the boy rather than to the leader - and to that combination of fastidiousness and ferocity imprinted upon his face. We do not need to see his eyes to understand that here is a child of extraordinary character; and, at the age of 14, he wrote that, "I am the sort of person who would like not even one person to feel that I should have been sighted, as I do not feel that myself. I think that I am better off than others." Perhaps this was whistling in the dark, but the single most important quality of the young Ved Mehta was his courage. *Sound-Shadows of the New World* is a record of that courage.

This is the third volume of his autobiography, a sequence that began with an account of how at the age of five he was placed in an Indian orphanage for the blind (he had lost his sight the year before, through cerebro-spinal meningitis). *Sound-Shadows of the New World* opens with his journey, at the age of 15,

from India to the United States in order to attend the Arkansas School for the Blind in Little Rock; it ends with his graduation from the institution. Almost 35 years have passed since that occasion, and yet Ved Mehta records his life throughout the period in extraordinary detail; it is as if his fall into blindness had broken open his perception so that nothing escapes him, and his account has a clarity that is sometimes like clairvoyance.

His first years at the Arkansas school were filled with confusion and fearfulness: "All I do is read and think and worry," he wrote in the journal that he kept at the time. And later: "Today we learned the words to 'Skip to Maloo'. What is 'Maloo'? Must somehow find out discreetly." He writes so naturally that it is easy to forget that these were the words of a boy who could see nothing and no one, who had travelled alone to an alien continent, and who was quite unsure about his future. When he was asked to define the meaning of life, in a school exercise, he replied with the wisdom of a child who has already been marked by suffering: "Struggling for existence," is what he wrote.

And at the same time he was always aware of the separateness that he carried everywhere with him "like a burden" - he was not just separated from the sighted world and from a bewildering America, but he was estranged even from his blind contemporaries because of his race and culture. "I wondered how dark I was," he writes, "how much I looked like a Negro, and what my kinship with the Negro really was..." Such a sense of isolation is a terrible weight for any child to bear, but it prompted him to cry out, even if it was only to himself: it was precisely this solitude that led him towards his destiny as a writer. If there was one place

darker to this blind child than the outer world, it was his own painful introspection; and yet it was through this haunting confusion that the character of Ved Mehta was formed. To the outside world he seemed alert, disciplined, and self-confident; but he was filled with self-doubt, and even on occasions self-hatred, which he had to labour hard to overcome.

By the end of this book he is at least successful within the narrow confines of his school; he becomes president of the student senate, and he plays in the school band. And yet he refuses to accept the limited roles in which his blind contemporaries seem to acquiesce. His real companions are the radio and the tape-recorder that he sets up in an empty broom closet: these are his links with the greater world, in which he wishes to excel, and as a result they became "my American family that no one knows about." He transcribed the words of Ed Murrow in order to understand the world; he started a correspondence-course available only on the radio. As a record of self-reliance and tenacity, *Sound-Shadows of the New World* is extraordinarily moving; but as an account of one boy's ambition, it is equally remarkable.

It is written very directly, almost conversationally. It is as if the natural barrier of his disability used once to be so great that he does not wish to erect any other barriers of his own. As a result he sees the world very clearly; he describes it so carefully, and yet from such an oblique angle, that in parts it is rather like reading some compelling ravelling of an unknown country. It comes as something of a shock, then, to realize that its inhabitants are ourselves. But if America was once for him a place of "hiss and ruck" by the strange alchemy of his isolation and ambition he comes to identify both with its energy and with its optimism; the "new world" is, literally, his own new world also.

"We don't give a damn about being blind," the children of the school used to say to each other. "But to be blind among people who have eyes, that's what's bell!" Ved Mehta has proved that this is not necessarily the case, that it is possible to exorcise those feelings of being unwanted or unloved that so afflicted his friends in Arkansas. Thomas Chatterton, when he was about the same age as Ved Mehta here, wrote that "God has sent his creatures into the world with arms long enough to reach anything, if they choose to be at the trouble to seek it." In *Sound-Shadows of the New World* Ved Mehta provides all the evidence that anyone would need to support that large claim. He has come through. He writes here without rancour or self-pity, bringing news of the darkness which he has conquered.

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"You know, during the Civil Rights period of the 50s and 60s they used to call us 'the city that was too busy to hate'. Well that same spirit of enterprising lives on today." With these words Mayor Andrew Young finished a television interview I conducted with him in 1982. It was a strange statement bearing in mind that 28 people - all children, all black - had been murdered in Atlanta during a 22-month reign of terror from 1979 to 1981. I have since kicked myself many times for not picking him up on this statement, but I received James Baldwin's new book hoping that it might clarify some of the contradictions inherent in Young's words.

James Baldwin uses what became known as the "Atlanta Murders" as a point of departure for his latest extended essay. It begins conventionally enough with a cast list for what Baldwin terms, this "docudrama". He introduces us to the accused Wayne Williams, the judge, the lawyers, embellishing each character with a small autobiographical portrait. As he gets into his stride Baldwin begins to broaden his field of vision beyond Atlanta, sounding at times as though he is delivering a State of the Nation address. He tosses in the odd explosive sentence: "White Americans, however, bless their generous little hearts, are quite unable to imagine that there can be anyone, anywhere, who does

Essay in black or white

Caryl Phillips

EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN
By James Baldwin
Michael Joseph, £8.95

not wish to be White, and are probably the most abject victims of history the world has ever seen, or will ever know."

As the essay unfolds, Baldwin dwells upon subjects as diverse as demographic patterns of development in New York City, exploitation of black labour in South Africa, Judaeo-Christian ethics - with reference to the treatment of Jews and homosexuals in pre-war Germany, Mann's *Death in Venice*, and many other topics, somehow managing to relate them back to the subject at the centre of his brief: Atlanta. At times he does so brilliantly, at other times the digression is disturbing, suggesting that either two or three books are struggling to inhabit the one; or perhaps he is simply frustrated with the central theme.

After all, the "Atlanta Murders" have now been conveniently forgotten. Baldwin continually reminds us that the accused, Wayne Williams, was tried for only two of the 28 murders; was (in Baldwin's opinion) probably innocent; and that 26 murders remain unsolved. The anguish of the victims' parents revolved around the awful official indifference to the murders. It would appear that the city that is too busy to hate is also too busy to investigate. But Baldwin is not a detective; he cannot tell us who committed the murders, he cannot even explain to us, in factual terms, why he thinks Wayne Williams did not commit the two murders he has been convicted of. As an investigation of the Atlanta Murders the book is as inconclusive as the case, as ambiguous as Andrew Young's statement.

As an addition to Baldwin's work it is welcome. His prose style, both incantatory and intellectually muscular, is as rich as ever. His candour and repetitive biblical patter really us with a cumulative authority. He begins one section with "I was born in 1924..." This book may be the closest we will have to a Baldwin autobiography, and long after the events of Atlanta have been buried, the book will still be read. As in Baldwin's other essays, in particular *The Fire Next Time* and *No Name in the Street*, the quality of his writing, and the courage of his insights will make his work live.

Romance of the market economy

Three young men in a boat crashing into a lighter and sinking it begin this one story of the early Renaissance, set in Bruges, the centre of international trade. In the boat are Felix de Charety, 17-year-old heir to the Charety company, run by his widowed mother; Julius, a notary, ostensibly in charge of Felix, but also in the service of the company; and Claes, an illegitimate orphan, an apprentice in the dyer's trade, regarded as an amiable clown, unlucky and always in trouble, but notoriously lucky with women.

Unfortunately the lighter contained an extremely valuable gun, a present from Duke Philip of Burgundy to his nephew, the King of Scotland, and the whole episode is a great embarrassment to the wealthy merchants of Bruges - obviously an accident, they decide. But, as in all Mrs Dunnett's complex and sophisticated plots, nothing is quite what it seems to be - and then some.

This long and absorbing novel chronicles the progress of the outcast Claes from apprentice and clown to man of affairs, international carrier of information, and finally, husband to the widow Charety. She is twice his age, but suggests the marriage to him, as a way of gaining the status he can never achieve on his own. From Claes, his nickname, to Niccolò, as his Italian associates call him, is a giant step. But who is he, and

HISTORICALS
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Michael Joseph, £10.95
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By Sharon Penman
Collins, £11.50

what are his parentage and origins? Fans of Mrs Dunnett will know that we will be happily pursuing these mysteries over a series of novels covering the making of fortunes from Bruges to Constantinople for some time to come.

Sharon Penman has good words to say for history's villains - or rather, those we have decided to hate. Rehabilitation for Richard III in *The Sunne in Splendour* is followed by this huge novel on King John ("not a good man", according to A. A. Milne) and even the special pleading offered here can hardly convince the reader that John was not treacherous, violent, unpredictable, and dangerous. The story is told from the point of view of Joanna, his illegitimate daughter, who idolizes him, but is used, in a diplomatic marriage, to cement an alliance with Llewelyn (the Great). At 14 she is too young to manage a strange land, a strange language, and a man nearly twice her age as husband; and the marriage nearly

founders. Later there are terrible decisions to be made - does she support her husband, or her adopted father?

Much of the story follows what history is known. But Sharon Penman seems almost as much in love with Llewelyn as Joanna is - a man of this century in his attitudes to women - so turning a historical into a romance.

● *The Cage*, by Michael Weston (*The Bodley Head*, £9.95) has won the George Heyer Prize for a historical novel. It is a grim and powerful story of early 19th-century Cornwall, beginning when two "foreigners", Welland Halt and his young daughter Ruth, arrive at the village of Windfall. Welland works in the mine. He is a mystery man, an expert blacksmith, with a keen and receptive mind - definitely a cut above the villagers. Their clannishness and dislike of strangers, added to the power of destructive gossip directed by an evil mind, lead to his strange downfall.

● *Larksgyll*, by Constance Heven (*Heinemann*, £9.95) takes some traditional themes - beautiful young girl, gambler father falsely accused of murder leaving her alone in the world to become a schoolmistress in darkest Yorkshire, attractive, enlightened mill-owner married to spoiled aristocratic wife, even trouble at mill - these time-honoured ingredients have produced a very acceptable dish.

From ogress to heroine

FICTION

John Nicholson

THE GLASS MOUNTAIN
By S. L. Spurling
Michael O'Mara, £8.95
MOVING HOUSE
By Katharine Moore
Allison & Busby, £8.95
THE GENTLE TOURIST
By Jill Delany
Andre Deutsch, £8.95

Two women are sharing a piano stool in the solarium of an exclusive Canadian sanatorium. On the night, picking her way gingerly through nursery Mozart, Chloe, a beautiful, though clearly disturbed 38-year-old, who seems to have some professional connection with the music world. Beside her, plain and dumpy, a much older woman - Jane, a schizophrenic "lifer" who for 30 years has been the uncomplaining guinea-pig for the experiments of ambitious young psychiatrists.

Excited by the music, Jane starts thumping the bass notes, begging Chloe to teach her to play. The younger woman jumps up screaming. She tips her unwanted partner onto the floor and spills coffee on her. But when the nurses burst in, it is the older woman who is restrained and wheeled away, shouting accusations. "I have no idea what she's talking about. This has nothing to do with me," says Chloe. Being beautiful and talented, she is believed.

This brutal opening scene marks the arrival of a formidable new novelist. It is a measure of Sharon Spurling's skill that this reader at least accepted the transformation of Chloe Delaney from ogress to heroine within a couple of pages of the action moving from the sanatorium. *The Glass Mountain* consists largely of flashbacks which explain why she is there.

The story of Chloe's development from precocious ten-year-old to international artist is told in terms of her personal rather than professional life. The two are closely linked by the fact that her lovers tend to be connected with the music world - except for Laurence, the father of her child, whose indifference to her talent can hardly be excused by tone-deafness (an uncharacteristically clumsy hit of symbolism). But Chloe is far more interested in her adopted relatives, and it is these relationships which make *The Glass Mountain* compulsive reading. It is also beautifully written and unusually well-constructed. I shall be surprised if a better first novel comes my way this year.

Similar observations were made two years ago about Katharine Moore's *Summer at the Haven*. Appreciation in that case was sharpened by the fact that Miss Moore was quite, well, mature for a literary debutante - 85, to be precise. Three books - and years - on, she is clearly getting into her stride. The plot of *Moving House* is all in the title. Rowanbank is no longer a suitable home for Roberta Curling. It is inconvenient, rambling, and impossible to manage without servants. Not that Roberta is helpless. But too often the spirit runs ahead of the flesh - and old bones break easily. So Roberta accepts that she must move. Not to the old folks' home her family have in mind but to a sensible flat in town. The decision confronts her with a series of painful choices

nostalgia or worse. Miss Moore however writes with irony and without malice. People past and present are judged on their merits, as are events. So *Moving House* presents a lyrical rather than elegiac portrait of English country life throughout the century.

Jill Delany offers us an equally rich though less alluring picture of later life. Lorenzo D'Ayala, only son of a rich Sicilian and his English wife, has led an honourable life of easy privilege. Personally fastidious, he married a woman who had little interest in his refined tastes or his work at the Palermo Institute of Fine Arts. Her death represents domestic inconvenience rather than emotional loss, until his job too disappears. What follows is remarkable. So is *The Gentle Tourist*.

Two superb first novels in one week. Is that a pig flying past the window?

about what to take with her. She embarks on an inventory of her possessions, with predictable results. Memories crowd in, and events of a half-century earlier jostle for her attention with a brood of lively grandchildren.

In other hands, it might easily have degenerated into

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THRILLERS FROM MICHAEL JOSEPH

THE TIMES DIARY

Touting for Tutu

Bishop Desmond Tutu will be in this country next week to visit fellow members of the Anglican Church in South Wales...

Meltdown

In the past 18 years it would seem that Tony Benn has changed his tune even more drastically than he has his name...

Verdant

John Patten, the Environment Minister, might turn a trifle red when his covert greenness is revealed in his latest book...

McMaggies

Harvey Thomas and the image makers at the Scottish Tory conference in Perth seem determined to train up a breed of tartan Thatcher clones...



"I name this ship 'Good heavens, not another 3,500 jobs lost'..."

Richer dust-up

Plans to commemorate Rupert Brooke's centenary with a statue of a woman - possibly naked - have been dropped by the burgesses of Rugby after a barrage of criticism...

Bung-ho

Bristol's world-famous wine fair has suffered a serious blow. Having supported the fair ever since it started eight years ago...

PHS

No go for British knowhow

by Paddy Ashdown

Last month - ironically on St George's Day - the United States began to impose laws and regulations controlling British high technology exports...

The Americans claim that the measures are necessary to protect western high-technology against illegal transfer to the Eastern bloc...

Within the last month, academic researchers at London University have been refused a very large computer unless all its academic users - who are scattered throughout Britain - agree not to communicate the results of any work done on the machine...

Some of these countries are communist and some are in dispute with the United States...

Because of the regulations, British exports of technology, other than intercompany transfers, are in decline. A British exporter now needs two licences - one from Whitehall and one from the United States...

The result will be to accelerate the trend towards US domination of Europe's technology. The government is aware of what is at stake: the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, has told me that the regulations are an unwarranted encroachment on UK jurisdiction...

Digital Equipment UK, the Reading-based subsidiary of the second largest computer corporation in the world, has agreed to controls on the movement of hardware, software and know-how...

The author is Liberal MP for Yeovil and his party's spokesman on trade and industry.

Richard Ford assesses the six months of discordant accord

Hillsborough Advertisements have appeared in Northern Ireland newspapers this past week urging Orange brethren to converge on this most English-looking of villages for a rally protesting against the Anglo-Irish agreement...

In their regalia, and behind bands and banners, they will proclaim their unity, Protestant heritage, inalienable right to remain part of the United Kingdom and fervent opposition to a deal giving a consultative role in Northern Ireland to the "suld enemy" in Dublin...

Aware of the danger of scoring yet another own goal, the organizers are anxious to avoid any disturbances. By saying, quaintly, that "only Orange brethren in good standing may attend" and that only bands engaged by district lodges may take part...

It is likely to be an impressive demonstration but, behind the flags and boating, there is division and doubt in the Unionist ranks over the future. Divisions also occur in the highest echelons of the Northern Ireland Office...

Since the agreement was signed Northern Ireland has witnessed little of the "peace and stability" it was intended to bring. Although only 26 people have died compared with 36 in the comparable period of 1984-85...

Through the six months the Provisional IRA has kept up its attacks, increasingly on the softest of targets: off-duty members of the security forces in border areas. Much has been heard of improved



Ulster speaks: what the loyalists think of the Hillsborough agreement

Hillsborough: target for tonight

cross-border security though by its very nature this work must remain secret. However, Sir John Hermon, the chief constable, has indicated that he expects decisions on co-ordinating and improving cross-border security soon which should produce better results.

By Northern Ireland standards the street disorders, particularly in loyalist working-class areas, have been at a comparatively low level, though this is not to minimize their potential for developing into larger scale rioting...

Given the latest failure of efforts to begin talks about talks with Unionist leaders, the government now has little option but to weather a stormy marching season with all that means for increased pressure on the RUC and the image of a province desperately attempting to attract investment at a time when unemployment is over 21 per cent.

While Unionists remain opposed to an institutionalized role

for Dublin in the affairs of the North, they are increasingly split on the tactics they should follow to defeat it and on an ultimate objective. An opinion poll earlier this year showed 23 per cent in favour of complete integration with Britain...

Other Unionists argue that integration means putting your trust in a Westminster government and parliament that, six months ago betrayed them and is setting up Unionism for further defeat in the future. They also say it avoids confronting the issue of coming to terms with the Roman Catholic minority in the province...

Even if this debate resolves itself over the next few months so that both wings of Unionism could enter talks with a coherent strategy for the future the prospect would still look bleak. Some Unionists remain tempted by the argument that, with a general election approaching in Britain,

their price for supporting any administration in the event of a hung parliament would be the scrapping of the agreement. As one loyalist said: "This is a long-term plan. It could mean victory but it may also mean a slow, lingering suicide."

So far nationalists have accepted the symbolism of the deal, the presence of a secretariat consisting of British and Irish civil servants at Maryfield in East Belfast and the sight of Peter Barry, the Dublin minister for foreign affairs, arriving at Stormont for meetings with British ministers...

The British and Irish governments alike seem content to implement the agreement slowly, emphasizing the importance of coming through the summer with it intact and constantly pointing to the complex questions being tackled. If not at a standstill, in the hope of enticing Unionists into talks...

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Christopher Walker

Ronald Butt

A briefing for Biffen

John Biffen was right at least about one thing last weekend. Neil Kinnock is, as Biffen put it, "demonstrating that the kind of Labour government he would like to have is the kind of Labour government we had... under Harold Wilson and... James Callaghan."

His error is encouraged by the misleading prominence generally given to Kinnock's fight against Militant. It would be extremely unwise, thinks Biffen, to exaggerate "the left's grip on the Labour Party" or "to suggest that somehow or other Neil Kinnock is held in thrall to Militant and the rest. It is simply not true."

Now, of course, it is correct that Kinnock has backtracked on leftist policies, is trying to produce a new Wilsonism, and that the "responsible" parts of the party are for the moment dominant. But even that needs qualification.

David Blunkett, the Sheffield leftist leader who now generally supports Kinnock on the national executive, has just given a commonsense warning to Roy Hattersley that he must consult the NEC about his proposal to exert discipline over Labour spending. Moreover, after the next election the parliamentary party will be a good deal more left-wing than it is at present.

But even if Labour moderation at Westminster is taken for granted, Biffen ignores the extent to which the Labour left has put down roots throughout the country to undermine Kinnock's chosen path. The Militant affair diverts attention from the wider hard left, of which London Labour Briefing (whose tenacles are by no means confined to London) is an example.

Briefing is no less a party-within-a-party than Militant. Yet it goes unchallenged. Before the London borough elections, nearly 150 Labour candidates (many now councillors) declared support in Briefing for Lambeth and Liverpool against the "right of the Labour Party... to fix the priorities of local authorities," and total opposition to "the present leadership's divisive witch hunt against socialists..."

Last weekend, Briefing held a closed meeting of supporters to consider how the left should face up to the "threat from Kinnock's new realism." A few extracts from its organization committee's proposals give the flavour of current thinking. "The purpose... is to combat the Tory offensive and roll back the right-wing attacks inside the Labour Party by mobilizing, organizing, expanding and educating a hard left opposition... Our goal is not just the return of a Labour government, but politically preparing the forces and the conditions to fight against Kinnock for socialist policies."

Briefing should be "saleable on picket lines, demonstrations and lobbies; in student unions, organizations of women, black people, lesbians and gays; and oo dole

people may find themselves transformed from passive elements into participants in struggle..."

Briefing will take up and develop debate on sexual politics and the politics of the family, challenging the tenets of bourgeois "morality" and working towards liberating alternatives. All this involves convincing people "to go beyond Parliamentary politics, and to mobilize in mass action to challenge, combat and break the repression and violence of the capitalist state machine..."

Biffen may say that these old extremist clichés never come to anything in practical Labour politics. But what is different now is that so much local government and so many social organizations are dominated by people dedicated to precisely such aims. There is, for instance, the vicious campaign being waged against "heterosexism" and the family by the H.E.A. and other leftist education authorities which are in a position to spread their poisonous creed among hapless children by pamphlet, instruction and the kinds of educational appointments they make. We shall see more of this as a result of the Labour local government victories.

Community centres of various kinds, which are ostensibly neutral, are used for political ends; so are some bodies funded by the Home Office and local authorities which are intended to help disadvantaged ethnic minorities. In many left-controlled boroughs, the organizations which run the social and education services are staffed by people who use their work to further their own political interests.

Appointments are frequently political; there are coded indications in job advertisements (often placed in Labour Weekly but never in its Tory or Liberal equivalents) of the attitudes expected of successful candidates. This active cells of Labour extremism are planted throughout the country, changing attitudes and social behaviour, and creating new norms.

The party Kinnock leads at Westminster is for the most part either genuinely moderate or (like Ken Livingstone) convinced that the ultimate goal of the left requires moderate tactics now. But the shift to the left in the local elections has been greater than ever.

Since there is ample evidence, if only from Livingstone's pragmatism, that the hard left is nationally a vote-loser, why should the voters have put so many recognizable hardliners back in local authority?

The principal explanation can only be that, wishing to vote against Mrs Thatcher and for Kinnock and his well-timed Freedom and Fairness campaign, they thought that voting for the likes of Bernie Grant in Haringey was a way of doing it that would bring no harm. In so doing they have helped the hard left tighten its grip on the Labour roots, and if the roots are rotten, how can the top branches be healthy?

moreover... Miles Kingston

Pandering to sentiment

Last year I was involved in making a film for the BBC on the Settle-Carlisle railway line. This, as we have been repeatedly told, is a part of our heritage under dire threat of extinction which nobody can imagine being without.

Before shooting began I read several books about the line and saw other TV programmes and even heard one or two radio programmes about it. All dwelt upon the romance and the glory of the line and pleaded passionately for its restoration. The only discordant notes were struck by the occasional villain from BBC who thought it far too expensive to maintain.

One day I said to Neil, our producer: "Why don't we make our film a violent attack on the Settle-Carlisle line? Why don't we attack this white elephant and give everyone a shock?"

Conflicting emotions passed across his rugged yet artistic features: shock, horror, pleasure, thoughtfulness, temptation and wisdom were just a few. The last finally prevailed. "No, lad," he said. "It wouldn't do. One might as well plead for the extermination of the giant panda or the removal of all snooker from TV. Now get back to your script."

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ning - but as Shap is not under threat, nobody springs to its defence. Nor do TV programme-makers spring to their cameras and film it. Nobody ever makes a programme motivated by a desire to close down a railway, let a rare orchid go out of production or shut hospitals.

The Settle line is perhaps not the best example, because one cannot help liking it, even if you are a BR engineer committed to preserving those crumbling viaducts. But what about the giant panda? I think Neil has an idea there. Every time I hear about the giant panda I can't help thinking what a thoroughly unpleasant animal it sounds. It seems to be surly, uncommunicative, useless, unwilling to breed and stupid. Stupid, because it insists on eating a kind of bamboo which is unnutritious and in short supply.

The only thing, absolutely the only thing, that can be said in the panda's defence is that it has cute black rings round its eyes. Otherwise it seems to be entirely bad nature is trying to ease it out. It is no use to man, no use to the animal world and only of use to programme makers and wildlife badge manufacturers. The Chinese must feel exactly like the BR engineers with their crumbling viaducts.

But have you ever seen a film, a programme or a single article which had the courage to stand up and say: Away with the giant panda! let it die out, if that's what it wants? Of course you haven't. People write about the panda only if they like the stupid thing - and it's only the image they like, not the thing itself.

So, if I can get the finance together, I shall be away from tomorrow making a film about the desirability of letting the panda die out. I shall make a lot of enemies, but I shall be telling the truth. And I will be making a TV programme with a difference. If, on the other hand, I am back tomorrow, you will know that the finance was out forthcoming. We shall just have to wait and see.



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SHIPYARD REALITIES

The redundancies and closures announced by British Shipbuilders...

British shipbuilding was a weak competitor when world shipbuilding slumped after the collapse of the oil tanker...

The only obvious benefit of nationalization - to the industry if not to the taxpayer - is that the shareholder can take a long view...

Secretary, emphasized yesterday that financial aid to win orders was not a problem.

But there is little to be gained by waiting indefinitely for an upturn that is plainly not going to happen.

It is no wonder, then, that the main object of the OECD working party has been for the advanced industrial countries to cooperate in running down capacity and restricting subsidies.

Even if the order books had been less empty, not all the remaining yards could offer jobs with a future.

Secretary, emphasized yesterday that financial aid to win orders was not a problem. It is also ridiculous to suppose that British Shipbuilders is now synonymous with the shipbuilding industry.

The battle between Harland and Swan Hunter over the latest naval order showed, however, that there may now be excessive competition for scarce naval business.

Techniques for aiding industrial areas stricken by closures are now much more sophisticated. It is by no means the hopeless task the unemployment figures might suggest.

Case for nuclear power generation

From Mr Ian Lloyd, MP for Havant (Conservative) Sir, I find the implications of the basic assumption underlying Dr Comford's letter...

To avoid the risk which Dr Comford describes they must, at worst, close down their nuclear power stations immediately and disperse the nuclear fuel...

The US National Academy of Sciences Committee on Nuclear and Alternative Energy Systems examined this option in its massive report published after Three Mile Island in 1980...

We are entering a phase in which the future of nuclear electricity generation worldwide is seriously at risk and could easily be destroyed by the hostility of groups whose unscrupulous opposition to nuclear power often conceals a distaste for science and technology...

Fears for health

From Mr P. A. Green Sir, The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has repeatedly stated in the last few days that there is no risk to health in the UK from the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

1. Far from being an independent group of international scientists, the ICRP is in reality an organisation whose membership circles within a select group of individuals, many of whom have, or have had, extensive links with the international nuclear industry.

Levels of risk

From the Chairman of the Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee Sir, It is a pity that Friends of the Earth is so often presented with a good case by over-statement.

For doses much smaller than this the situation is obscured by a variety of conflicting and uncontrollable factors which make detailed analysis impossible.

DIY conveyancing

From Mr Ian R. Lynch Sir, I read with amusement Mr Tyler's letter (May 10) concerning DIY conveyancing.

London hospital scene changing

From the Chairman of the North East Thames Regional Health Authority Sir, I have read with interest the letter from 12 hospital consultants (May 13) claiming that the health service in London is in a state of crisis.

Several of your correspondents are employed within the North East Thames Region and I would strongly dispute the conclusions they draw.

This region which is responsible for the hospital and hospital-based services for nearly four million residents of north-east London and Essex with a revenue budget approaching £1 billion a year, has made enormous strides in developing its services over the past years.

The number of acute patients treated, both as in-patients and as out-patients, has been increasing every year and at the same time new day hospitals for the elderly, new health centres, drug clinics, community homes for the mentally handicapped and mentally ill have been opened.

The National Health Service provides an outstanding quality of care which is the envy of other countries. As regional chairman I have fought and will continue to fight for additional resources.

Consultants can and should play a leading role in achieving this. They must recognise the changes in the balance of care between the teaching hospitals and the district general hospitals.

Teaching hospitals, in addition to their vital role in teaching and research, will continue to treat their local population and those referred from other hospitals.

We are proud of the achievements in our region, but acknowledge that we can do even more, particularly with more money.

Woodland eyesore

From Mr T. Paterson-Brown Sir, I read with interest Lord Esler's comments (May 13) on the eyesore produced by the white plastic treeguards analogous to the plantations to war cemeteries.

As a land agent it is with the best intentions that I use white as the colour wherever possible. Guards coloured dark brown and green are available, but the problem has been whether coloured plastics are as biodegradable as the white ones.

Although it may be an eyesore for the early years of the tree's life, it serves as a useful silvicultural purpose when it comes to weeding the plantations and replacing dead trees.

May I therefore request that Lord Esler bears with us in the early years so as to ensure less of an eyesore when many of the trees successfully reach mature stage.

TIM PATERSON-BROWN, 47 Havelock Street, Canterbury, Kent. May 13.

Musical excellence

From Miss Fanny Waterman Sir, In his letter of April 26 Sir Ian Hunter refers emphatically - 'let there be no mistake' - to the overall standard of colleges as 'already high'.

From my experience of serving as a juror on most of the major international piano competitions in the past 10 years, my colleagues and I have been very disappointed with the standard of British competitors who, with a few exceptions, fail to proceed beyond the first stages of these competitions.

We found that our young pianists do not possess the basic technical skills developed to a high enough degree to enable them to express their musical ideas. They lack specifically the techniques to tone production, pedalling, part playing, independence of fingers, trills, skips and octaves. They cannot even play scale passages with rhythmic and tonal control.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 15 1885 Keeping lines of communication open as well as fighting has been a task for soldiers since the days of the Persian and Roman empires. From road to rail building was a natural transition for the British Tommy.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE EASTERN SOUDAN AND THE SUAKIN-BERBER RAILWAY

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT) SUAKIN, April 29. Although no definite instructions have as yet been received, it is 'in the air' that operations here are over for the season, that the railway works are to be discontinued...

The original idea was that the line should be made by officers of the Royal Engineers and coolies from India. This project, as clearly thought through as it is, proved, was an admirable one, but unfortunately it fell through. Lord Hartington entrusted the construction of the line to the English engineering firm of Messrs. Lucas and Aird, who offered to place the resources of their establishment at the disposal of the Government, discharging the reward of obtaining any patenting the reward.

Work on the railway had not long been in progress before it became evident that the want of system and organization would prevent anything like the rapid construction of the line. No park of materials was formed, and up to the present day none has been established. The materials as they were landed were at once passed to the front, with the result that at one time the working parties were waiting for sleepers, at another for rails, then again for spikes, so that in every working day of eight hours four at least were spent by the men at the head of the line sitting on the sand waiting for materials.

The cause of this want of system is not far to seek. The British Office sent out a distinguished officer, and specially charged him with the direction of the undertaking. It was strongly impressed upon him that on no account was he to interfere with Messrs. Lucas and Aird's men, who were to have the entire construction of the railway. As a matter of fact, however, circumstances, which proved far more powerful than the General commanding the line of communications, interfered most decisively in the matter.

It soon became evident that to leave the line in the hands of two civilians without any directing head, and to call upon them at the same time to work with the army in the field, which was not only to protect them while working but to aid them largely in the actual construction of the line, was to throw upon them a task to which they were quite unequal.

The actual construction work done by Messrs. Lucas and Aird's men was the spacing out of the sleepers, placing the rails, spiking them down, screwing up a fish-plate here and there (but they often had to wait a long time for fish-plates), and straightening the line when it was being ballasted. The rest of the construction was done by the Army. The formation of the roadway and the ballasting of the line was done by English soldiers and Indian coolies. The rails were dragged from the place where they had been shot out on to the sand from the trucks by Horse Artillery teams or by horses supplied by the Commissariat; the sleepers were carted to the front in ordnance carts drawn by Army Transport mules. The result of this division of labour was that only 1,100 yards a day were laid over a country much easier than Hyderabad and quite as easy as that in India.

The United States where from three to seven miles would be quite possible. Had the expedition gone on and the railway been laid at the same rate as that which has hitherto obtained, Berber would not have been reached until July next year; that is to say, that the protecting army now the rails were to spend 16 months on a road which has been constantly travelled by camels in 10 days.

Any step towards raising standards in pursuit of musical excellence should be loudly applauded. Yours faithfully, FANNY WATERMAN, Chairman.

The Harveys Leeds International Pianoforte Competition, Woodgarth, Oakwood Grove, Leeds, South Yorkshire, May 8.

How long, O Lord?

From Mr Bryan Crimp Sir, Help is on hand for Mr Bernard Cobb (May 10). The dastardly M25 might well have reduced his travelling time but it remains no match for that exceptionally nimble son and father-in-law partnership, Horowitz and Toscanini. Their 1940 Carnegie Hall recording of Brahms's second piano concerto appears to have been tailor-made for Mr Cobb's very specific requirements. It runs for 43 minutes and 41 seconds and he can spend the concluding triumphant seconds gathering together his sundry hits and pieces before switching off the ignition.

Yours faithfully, BRYAN CRIMP, Newfoundland West, Leeds, Lane.

St John's Lodge

From Mr Peter W. Trumper Sir, As Mr Fredrick Koch's agent in the matter of St John's Lodge, I would like to add some facts.

The lease of the house would be held in the name of a charitable trust. In order to enable the trust to meet its obligations, Mr Koch will have to carry out extensive repairs to a house which has lain empty for three years.

The main alteration which he proposes is to build a new staircase in the position of the Raffield staircase, which was kept by Burton and Barry but removed

rooms would be reduced in length to allow for the new staircase and the required services. The four Burton and Barry rooms would remain untouched. The Schultz cloakroom would be repaired and resited.

The Poynter decorations in the ballroom would be restored. The Lansdale ceiling decorations in the hall would be restored and the wall decorations preserved behind new wall facings. The whole house would be furnished as it might have been in the nineteenth century. The exterior of the house is to remain virtually unaltered, except that Barry's conservatory might be rebuilt.

Most of the art collection itself (letter, May 9) is in storage abroad. The house and its contents

times and to the public for at least six weeks in each year, probably longer.

The whole scheme, to which the Crown Estate Commissioners have given their full approval, has been discussed with interested bodies for more than a year. The matter is now with the planning authorities for final decision.

Mr Koch's proposal represents a generous and magnificent gift to London. True, it entails making more alterations than some people would like. It is a matter of balance. To my mind there is no doubt where the weight of public advantage lies. Yours faithfully, PETER W. TRUMPER, Cluttons, 5 Great College Street, Westminster, SW1.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

May 15, 1986

For many years the received wisdom has been to reduce the level of salary increases in order to make UK industry more competitive, keeping inflation low, and to reduce unemployment. My experience tells me that we are attempting to solve the problem by addressing the symptom rather than the cause.

What we need are not smaller increases, but larger increases — by those organizations that can afford them. This would then be an indication of a free market in salaries, which is no different from the free markets which have developed in such areas as transport, health care, defence procurement and telecommunications.

If an organization is successful and pays well, it demands, and can attract, people of the highest calibre. This in turn ensures that the goods or services also continue to be of the highest calibre. They are then in greater demand and the company increases its output accordingly by additional capital and labour investments.

This is the path to secure wealth

creation and employment, not low productivity and low wages.

There is less than complete understanding that the UK is now a low productivity-low pay economy. With approximately the same size populations, France and West Germany have gross national products of 25 per cent and 50 per cent respectively greater than the UK. It is no accident that salary levels in these countries are also greater in the same ratios as their GNPs, in spite of the absence of substantial oil and gas output. By the standards of the Western world, the UK is a poor country. Italy has already surpassed the UK in per capita GNP. How long will it be before Spain and Portugal catch up? The UK is now renowned for its centres of poverty such as Glasgow and Merseyside, which are among the worst in Europe. Not much more than 100 years ago, Britain was the richest country in the world!

I would contend that we in the UK are mistaken in the way that we are trying to solve the problem. We should be concerned about the low productivity of our industries. If a company can increase its

The way forward is through high salaries for the people who can expand business, says Peter Ward



output, both in quality and quantity, with the same number of employees, then unit costs go down. This then leads to greater demand, so output is increased through additional labour and capital investments. If we maintain the emphasis on low pay, then low productivity will continue. One has only to look at the job vacancy pages of the quality Press to see a wide dynamic range of salaries across similar jobs in different companies throughout the UK. The highest salary that a research and development manager,

for example, can be paid will be two or three times that paid to the lowest. It will come as no surprise that the most highly paid can generally be found in the most profitable high-productivity companies. If an organization tries to pay high without the profit to support it, then it will fail. But if a company is growing, with high productivity, then it should be encouraged to pay well. It is clearly successful and its employees should be rewarded accordingly. This is then a clear signal to everyone else that reward will

follow wealth creation — which is what the UK needs.

It is far more useful for companies to spend their energies in this manner than in takeover battles that do nothing for productivity.

From my own experience in a multinational electronics company I can see that British salaries are among the lowest in Europe. This causes severe problems in a number of areas.

In recent years my company has exported some of its best talent to the United States, Canada, Sweden, The Netherlands, West Germany, France, Switzerland, Greece and Australia. They then find it extremely difficult to return to the UK because of the necessary reduction in standard of living, unless, as is sometimes the case, they have built up sufficient capital wealth to fill the gap.

Now, electronics in general and information technology in particular are industries which readily surmount national frontiers, and because English is the lingua franca, Britons find it easier to work abroad than most other

nationals, especially with the financial incentive. This is especially the case with software engineers and it is no coincidence that salaries for this category of employee are rising very fast. We are in an international salary market and if we want the best people we have to pay the best, irrespective of the exhortations of national governments.

There has recently been critical coverage of the salary increases being paid in the City of London as the "Big Bang" approaches. However, much of the catalyst for change derives from the application of new technologies which process and communicate data at rapid speed around the world. The City is no longer operating in a British market; it is a world market competing against the financial centres of Wall Street, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Frankfurt, and it must compensate its employees accordingly. If it fails to do so, then the best people will move to the banks and finance houses of other countries and ensure their

success, rather than that of the British financial institutions.

As the world labour market becomes more international, national boundaries will have less and less impact. In electronics and banking this is already happening. British commerce and industry will ultimately succeed if they produce and market the right products at the right price and with the right quality. What our government can do is encourage all sectors of the economy to concentrate on improving output and quality to better compete in world markets. To do this one has to attract the best people and pay them accordingly.

If we do not address this major problem, but continue to address the symptom — low pay — then the UK will remain a low productivity, low wage economy, wondering why it can no longer afford the health, education and social service standards to which it had become accustomed in more prosperous times.

Peter Ward is personnel director of the office productivity division at Hewlett-Packard

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THE ARTS

Television Tales of those in danger now and then

What with cancer, Aids and a nasty case of suspected ritual sacrifice, it was a pretty sobering night for home viewing.

The cancer suffered by the hero of Clive Jermain's semi-autobiographical play *The Best Years of Your Life* (BBC2) was secondary and therefore beyond control; the performance of Lee Whitlock as the doomed young footballer was, on the contrary, beautifully controlled, and Adrian Shergold directed simply and affecting. Despite some uncertain acting in the lesser roles, this portrait of stoical resignation punctuated by spurts of emotion rang absolutely true.

The Q.E.D. documentary *The Body Out of the Bag* (BBC1) continued its investigation of Lindow man, whimsically dubbed Pete Marsh, who was bludgeoned and garrotted at some time in the late Iron Age. Or in Roman times, or even in the Dark Ages. If the baffles cannot agree about carbon 14 dating, they can at least make a decent go of preserving Mr Marsh's squashed, leathery corpse for future brains to bump over. In Denmark the earliest "bog people" have been continuing their highly unusual after-life these 30 years. Frankenstein would surely have wired them all up and given them a tea party.

The programme's rather stodgy procedure was enlivened by the odd stab of staged ghouliness, as when an Irish scientist, importing her own bog person for treatment, declared at customs "I've got the usual duty-free allowance... and a body in the boot". But the claim, voiced over the clay reconstruction of the victim's head, that "Lindow man was appearing as a person" was pitching it a bit high. The finished model had all the personality of a character from *Fireball XL-5*.

And so to Aids, the topic under review in the third part of Granada's stimulating "hypotheticals" series *Society, Science and Sex*, where, concerned parties allowed themselves to be grilled, provoked and charmed by Professor Arthur Miller of the Harvard Law School. "Dr Farthing", protested this feine moderator, posing artfully on one buttock in classic court-house style. "I'm a simple-minded person." (Oh, no, you are not.)

The appealing combination of charade and moral science tutorial saw the experts through the stickiest moments, and there were even spasms of brittle laughter. But perhaps the more appropriate response to George Gale's arid puritanism ("if you like, buggery kills") should have been tears.

Martin Cropper

Enlightened Edinburgh

The main theme of this year's Edinburgh Festival is a celebration of "The Enlightenment", the Scottish manifestation of the eighteenth century which spread new thinking throughout Europe on the arts, philosophy, economics, law, religion and the sciences.

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Theatre: Holly Hill sums up the Broadway season

Just a glimmer of light . . .

When surveying this Broadway season, which officially ended the first weekend in May, the way to forestall despair is to be thankful for small favours. Though there have been no shows to celebrate without reservation, and few shows at all, there have been fares along the dusky White Way. But not always. The last play of the season is a disaster one cannot reclaim by thinking of its nice set and incidental music. The Circle in the Square has followed Broadway's worst revival (*The Caretaker*) with its worst original.

Bernard Sabath's *The Boys of Astoria* is a dialogue between middle-aged versions of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn (George C. Scott) and Tom Sawyer (John Cullum), even more dull than decadent. I left after the first act, which took an hour to reveal that Tom had really run away as a boy because he thought he had made a local girl pregnant, and had spent his adult years molesting little girls in his unquenchable grief over never seeing Becky Thatcher again.

Though Brian Clark's *The Petition* (John Golden Theatre) is not distinguished writing, it is literate and, as played by Jessica Tandy and Home Cronyn and directed by Peter Hall, it takes on the lustre of a cherished family heirloom. The Cronyns have declared their last play together. I hope that they decide to make more farewell appearances, but, if not, my images of their final stage partnership will be of Miss Tandy's gaiety of spirit — such a rare quality, especially when combined with her strength and intelligence — of Mr Cronyn's agility in showing a range of heart-rending facial expressions while wearing glasses which all but obscure his eyes, and of their ability together to make silence eloquent.

Jonathan Miller's production of Long Day's Journey into Night (Broadhurst Theatre) has occasioned debate, for he has cut Eugene O'Neill's exorcism of his family ghosts from four to three hours but by jettisoning lines but not overlapping and generally speeding them up. I found this approach refreshing and would like to see Dr Miller try it again with the right cast.

Peter Gallagher as O'Neill's young alter ego and Kevin Spacey as his alcoholic brother are fine, but Bethel Leslie as their morphine-addicted mother gives a performance which would be inadequate on television and is lost in Tony Straiges's absurdly splayed-out set, which diminishes rather than intensifies the family's stresses.

Jack Lemmon chose the play as his starring vehicle, and all credit and sympathy to the clown who wants to play Hamlet and acts it very respectably while still leaving the impression that he is in the wrong genre. Mr Lemmon has proven a stage-worthy performer before, and his James Tyrone is a vigorous portrait of a man who loves, hurts and angers — but not on a tragic scale. His own anatomy and personality are against him.

Watching the gregarious, pug-nosed actor lament his character's failure to inherit Edwin Booth's mantle as

America's greatest tragedian, I could not help but think how much Mr Lemmon resembled the portraits of Joseph Jefferson — Booth's counterpart in comedy. Jack Lemmon is simply not believable as a serious Shakespearean actor turned matinee idol, and his unfailing affability makes James Tyrone too likeable throughout. He is right to view the father as victim as much as villain, but he does not achieve a balance.

In the season's final revival, Bob Fosse partly rebounds from his tumble on *Big Deal* by directing and choreographing a sprightly version of *Sweet Charity* (Minskoff Theatre). The show has a brassy look, lots of energy, an endearing performance of a wimpy boyfriend by Michael Rupert, and a vivacious performance of the title role by Debbie Allen. *Sweet Charity* is not a vintage Broadway musical or revival but it should provide enjoyable entertainment for New York's summer tourists in a season when we must remember to give thanks for any enjoyment at all.



Jessica Tandy and Home Cronyn bringing the lustre of a cherished family heirloom to Sir Peter Hall's production of Brian Clark's *The Petition*

Harrison Birtwistle's *The Mask of Orpheus*, ten years in the making, receives its world premiere at the Coliseum next week: Fiona Maddocks reports

Fantastic invention of elaborate riddles

"It's not an opera and it's not theatre but it's got music", remarks Harrison Birtwistle, attempting to define his most ambitious work to date. *The Mask of Orpheus*, which receives its world premiere at the Coliseum next Wednesday more than a decade after the first note was written. "It started life as *Faust*", he continues, "but Orpheus seemed a better subject for music. It's still basically the same piece, though."

With this set of clues, our conversation for a moment seems likely to turn into an elaborate riddle, an intricate form which Birtwistle, notoriously shy of publicity, has made his own. Unexpectedly, though, he warms to his theme. "I needed a subject to express a theatrical idea. By choosing a myth everyone would know, I could shape it in any way without destroying its identity", he says. "So the story is told several times in different ways. It's full of episodes, like a *Beano* strip-cartoon; going back and forth in time, in what I call simultaneous contrast. No opera has ever done that before."

So taxing, indeed, is the undertaking for any opera house that *Orpheus* has endured a much longer period of gestation than either Birtwistle, or his librettist Peter Zinovieff, anticipated. Commissioned in 1970 by Peter Hall for Covent Garden, the work was then tossed between Glyndebourne and the English National Opera, where it finally found harbour thanks to Lord Harewood. It was the opera houses, therefore, that caused Birtwistle's delay in finishing the piece. "I couldn't waste time on a work that might never be performed", he says, belying his usual reputation for prodigious patience. "That's what I learnt in my years writing music for the National Theatre. You do what's needed now."

He returned to the half-finished score five years ago, completing Act III and making the electronic sound tape, an integral element, with the help of Barry Anderson at IRCAM in Paris. Meanwhile, his music for the National's *Orestia* had enabled him to explore his interest both in Greek myth and in the relationship between music and speech, following through his ideas in *Orpheus*. His six years in charge of music at the National also taught him about theatre.

"So by the time I returned to *Orpheus*", he says, "Picking up the work again was like entering a pyramid and looking at papyrus. What could it possibly mean? Like all good archaeologists, what I couldn't understand I made up. Once I'd welded the past to the present it was easy."

The music for *Orpheus*, spanning as it does the peak of Birtwistle's creative powers, uses the blocks and layers of sound which have become his hallmark, from *The Triumph of Time* (1973) to his recent orchestral *tour de force*, *Earth Dances*. So complex are these layers in *Orpheus* that two conductors — next week Elgar Howarth and Paul Daniel — will share the work between them.



Harrison Birtwistle with Jocelyn Herbert's giant emblematic mask; photograph by Zoë Dominic

Orpheus presents an additional new challenge both to opera houses and to singers in amplifying electronically every member of the cast and orchestra, requiring six sound engineers and absorbing at a stroke almost half the production's £70,000 budget. For the singers, this is likely to prove a bigger technical difficulty than the music itself — much of which, says Elgar Howarth, is "lyrical and cantabile in the key of G". Even Birtwistle, hearing a few bars sung for the first time in rehearsal last week, admitted being surprised at how

"sexy" it sounded. Only Marie Angel, as the Oracle of the Dead, has a consistently jagged and violent vocal part, as the role demands.

The orchestra will have more prominence than most operas allow. "Scarcely an accompaniment part", observes Howarth. Birtwistle has invented two instruments for the occasion, as befits a work concerned with the birth of music. The first, a Noh harp, plays the opening notes of the score. The second, best described as a box with a spring stretched across and a horn sticking out of the top, had

no name until our conversation. "Call it a ratchet horn", decides Birtwistle, scribbling the words beneath a hasty sketch of the instrument.

More significant than either of these, though, is the colossal electronic instrument Birtwistle and Barry Anderson have forged to represent the voice of Apollo. This will interact with the army of wind, brass, harps, guitars and percussion — though no strings — of the orchestra, or be heard alone in set-pieces called "passing clouds". These Birtwistle likes to freeze-frames, halting the action abruptly as they do. Indeed, the language of film, of flashbacks and time-shifts, helps describe the non-operatic techniques used in *Orpheus*. Birtwistle is adamant, however, that this is a piece for live theatre. "It's real steam-theatre. It's about illusion. In a film, there's no mystery. You know someone's just pressed the button."

Surely, though, this many-faceted narrative, to which each character appears in triplicate, might perplex those opera-goers accustomed to a plot which starts with the overture and ends with a rollicking finale? How will they cope with seeing Orpheus die not only by suicide but also by thunderbolt, being given laudatory treatment by angry women and apotheosized into the sun? "Don't know, ask them", says Birtwistle. "They'll certainly never have seen anything like it before. But then it's not Verdi."

David Freeman, who produced Birtwistle's *Punch and Judy* for Opera Factory, promises simple scenic devices, such as rope-ladders for Hell, to offset the high stylization of the piece, underlined by Jocelyn Herbert's emblematically coloured masks. Judging by a glimpse in rehearsal of Philip Langridge and Jean Rigby, resplendent in orange and blue masks as Orpheus and Euridice, the results should be imposing or perhaps — since each appears in triplicate — trebly imposing.

Birtwistle is now embarking on a new opera for Covent Garden, based on Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, an altogether modest affair in comparison, he says. As the long-overdue birth of *The Mask of Orpheus* draws closer, he holds his breath. How close can a traditional opera house come to realizing his intentions? Only next week will tell.

Meanwhile, this extraordinary amalgam of mime, puppets, dance and song, already being hailed by many as the musical and theatrical event of the decade, caters for every whim. The only ingredient missing in Birtwistle's Underworld would appear to be gods dancing can-cans.

There will be a series of extra events to show *The Mask of Orpheus* in the context of Birtwistle's work, including workshops, open rehearsals and talks. Next Wednesday at the British Museum a Study Day will be held to examine the Orphic tradition and its role in the development of opera. Full details from ENO.

Concert Subtle percussion

Eden and Tamir/Glennie/Thomas Wigmore Hall

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the young and by any standards brilliant percussionist Evelyn Glennie (more proof, incidentally, that practical training in this country can produce its fair share of stars) is that her playing seems so innate. Here she was part of a formidable team, the pianists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir and the percussionist Nigel Thomas, in Bartók's Sonata for two pianos and percussion. And, although one should not treat this or any other piece of music as a competition between participants, it really did seem that she was the most imperturbable of them all.

Each stroke she made was perfectly placed and weighted, whether in isolation or as part of the continuous pattern, while the control which the ensemble as a whole exercised made the impetus of the outer movements the more effective. Eden and Tamir provided the vital element of rawness, and the central movement had a delicious mixture of nocturnal mistiness and poise, with Thomas contributing sensitively too.

The aspiring solo percussionist's chief hazard is, of course, the lack of very much solo percussion music of any real quality, save for a few works of the kind whose adventurousness is likely to affect audience figures adversely. Glennie ended this oddly-balanced recital with two works that, while they displayed admirably her astonishing capabilities, did very little else.

The American percussionist/composer Neil DePonte's Concertino for marimba and piano (Philip Smith) had the advantage of brevity but the disadvantage of crass naivety, especially in the Latin American flavoured dance with which it concluded. Toshio Mayuzumi's Concertino for xylophone and piano, on the other hand, was far too long for its material (scarcely original, by the way) though Glennie's phrasing in the slow movement and her sheer virtuosity in the finale were distractions enough.

Earlier Eden and Tamir had given a typically ebullient performance of Liszt's Paganini Variations, a work they have made very much their own, as well as infectious readings of Poulenc's Sonata and Milhaud's *Scaramouche* — trifles perhaps, but hugely enjoyable ones nevertheless.

Stephen Pettitt

Theatre in Britain Looking for the World Sherman, Cardiff

The seven-year reign of the colonels was one of modern Greece's most disgraceful episodes, infecting every corner of public life and uniting all the pockets of everyday villainy under the banner of "democracy".

Dick Edwards has set his new play outside a shabby hotel on an unnamed Aegean island in the summer of 1969, a time of vague paranoia and definite curfews. In the course of a grossly flashy first act we meet the bigoted hotelier, his more sympathetic wife and a homilistic beggar-woman who persists in playing the part of conscience.

To the parents returns their son, after three months' military training in Athens, with the news that the island is to be used as a prison camp for Communists: the same boat also delivers the first tourists to be seen all summer, a middle-aged Welsh pair. Some slight comic mileage is wrung from the newcomers' admiration of the noble Greek language when the hotelier is in

fact fully cursing the beggar, but the large theme of misperception implied in the title is ill served by the inaccuracies of Roland Rees's stiff and unfocused production.

The swearing here is nothing like as richly comprehensive and incantatory as it is in real Greek life, while the players' "body language" is general-purpose Mediterranean and not specifically Greek: anyone who unthinkingly attempts to hedge the culture-gap by giving a cheery British thumbs-up, as the fake-worldly tourist does, will quickly learn the sign's local significance.

As to the meaning of the play itself — which, having staked out the pitch for farce, warps into a sort of cartoon tragedy — one can only say that Mr Edwards has drawn his battle-lines with unforgivable crudeness. The three men are brutes and cowards, the three women humane and sensitive, and the prison itself, adumbrated in the sound of the convicts' nocturnal arrival, is inexplicably forgotten. Patricia Kane's enthusiastic portrayal of the good-hearted Welsh woman is a saving grace.

Martin Cropper

Rock

Comparisons unavoidable

Julian Lennon Albert Hall

Ironic, is it not, that the son of the man who, by his own account became more popular than Jesus could not nearly fill the Albert Hall with his followers this week. This is not quite the unassuming remark it might seem. The pious intention to treat Julian Lennon fairly by reviewing his British debut without reference to comparisons with his illustrious father was undercut by several factors, not the least of which was his recital, during the latter part of the concert, of songs associated with the late John Lennon.

By using "Day Tripper", "It Won't Be Long" and "Stand By Me" to ensure the closing

ovation after a less than rapturous reception for his own songs, this young man makes himself appear more calculating than he probably is. But in a tightly programmed and carefully rehearsed show there were certainly few signs of the sort of spontaneity that used to be a hallmark of rock 'n' roll in the years BV (Before Video).

Julian Lennon's songs, of which "Too Late for Good-byes" and "Valotte" are the best known, have the sort of international catchiness that ensures them a welcome on the global jukebox. Unfortunately they are also quite extraordinarily bland, lacking any distinction other than the signature of that familiar nasal whine. What have you been carried in the genes are originality, independence of out-

look, or the gift for pungency. Nor is there much wit and charm on display. He was often at a loss for an appropriate remark between songs, and his acceptance of bouquets from the audience was graceless, as if the donors were interrupting important business. The absolute confidence — verging on conceit — is surely inherited, though, and in his white duster coat, black tights and boxing boots he was the very model of an ambitious pop star, 1986-style. As he and his six-piece band ran through the standard repertoire of heavy-metal poses, there was never the remotest feeling that fun was being had. And, unfair though it may be to point it out, that is the difference.

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Two killed in protest over Pretoria move

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

At least two people were reported to have been killed and many others injured when violence erupted yesterday in the KwaNdebele tribal homeland some 60 miles north-east of Pretoria.

The trouble seems to have started when police and soldiers hurled teargas canisters into buses carrying people from a mass meeting called to protest against the intention of Pretoria to declare KwaNdebele an "independent" state.

Last week President Botha and Mr Simon Skosana, KwaNdebele's chief minister, announced in a joint statement that the homeland would become independent on December 11, a move which could put in question its inhabitants' continued South African citizenship.

In one of the incidents reported yesterday, a youth was run over and seriously injured when a bus went out of control after its driver had leapt out to escape teargas fumes. The police are also said to have fired buckshot.

About 25,000 people assembled yesterday morning at the head of a local chief near

Siyabuswa, a cluster of dusty administrative buildings that passes for the homeland's capital, apparently unaware that permission for the meeting had been refused by the district magistrate.

There was also trouble in KwaNdebele on Tuesday after the police, assisted by the Army, used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse mourners at a funeral for a man alleged to have been murdered by the Imbokotho, a vigilante group created last January by Mr Skosana.

The authorities had ordered attendance at the funeral to be restricted to 50 family members, but thousands of people turned up. After the police action scores of youths ran amok, looting and setting fire to shops owned by KwaNdebele government ministers and Imbokotho members.

The licensed thugery of the Imbokotho squads seems to have brought opposition to Mr Skosana's rule to a head, forging an unlikely alliance between youthful radicals opposed to the whole homeland system and traditionally conservative chiefs.

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Where Duchess sleeps in private peace at Frogmore



By Robin Young

Yesterday was open day at Frogmore, the royal cemetery in Windsor Home Park, and those who visited could view, from a distance of about 40 feet, the fresh grave of the Duchess of Windsor, a single wreath of white lilies laid a little carelessly on the newly turned ground.

Visitors are never admitted to the private burial ground at Frogmore, but could view the Duchess's grave, marked with a wooden cross, from one of the pathways. Eventually it will be covered with a flat memorial stone like that on her husband's grave in the foreground.

While many of yesterday's visitors stopped to peer from the pathway to the burial ground where the Windsors lie, and a few doffed hats, others passed by apparently unaware of the significance of the plot.

The gardens, and the mausoleum of Queen Victoria at Frogmore, are open again tomorrow 11 am to 7 pm, and will be open once more on May 21, from 11 am until 4 pm only.

(Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Senators again duck vote on extradition

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Senate foreign relations committee again postponed a vote on the Anglo-US Extradition Treaty, as Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, returned to Britain yesterday after a hectic round of lobbying here and in New York.

The controversial treaty, which has to be ratified by the Senate, was not on the agenda yesterday because Senator Richard Lugar, the committee chairman, still believed he did not have the votes to approve it.

Britain has been pressing for swift ratification in the wake of the Tokyo Summit declara-

tion on terrorism. On Tuesday Mr King saw three key Democratic senators who oppose the Bill, Senators Edward Kennedy, Christopher Dodd and Claiborne Pell, all from New England states with large Irish populations.

He said afterwards he had been "warmly" received. He urged them not to water down the language of the treaty.

Yesterday Mr King had a series of interviews with the New York based media, so far lukewarm to Britania's plea for urgent action on the treaty, which has been repeatedly postponed since last August.

Thatcher rebuffs Alfonsín signal

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday told Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, that Britain is not prepared to shift its position on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, despite signals from Argentina that it wants to improve relations with London.

Mrs Thatcher's rebuff came in the course of wide-ranging talks with the Prime Minister and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, at 10 Downing Street and the Foreign Office, has recently returned from a visit to Buenos Aires, where President Alfonsín expressed his wish to end the four-year Falklands feud.

However, the Argentinean leader made it clear that he is no more prepared to drop his insistence on discussing the sovereignty issue than Mrs Thatcher is ready to accept that the question should be on the agenda of any future talks. The Falklands question dominated yesterday's talks.

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Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen opens the new Sixth Form Building of the Royal Caledonian Schools, Bushey, Herts, 3.

Princess Anne visits Sheffield; Fletcher Bakeries, 10.45; and then opens the new Police Training Centre, Ecclesfield, 11.25; later, as President, the Riding for the Disabled Association, she visits the Sheffield Group, Millview Riding School, Fulwood, 2.

Princess Margaret visits the Netherlands to undertake engagements in connection with the 40th anniversary of the Anglican Church in The Hague, departs RAF Northolt, 1.50. The Duchess of Gloucester, attends a concert at Hampton Court Palace, 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent attends a concert of Chamber Music at Sotheby's, Bond St., W1, 8.05. Prince Michael of Kent attends the annual dinner of the Institute of the Motor Industry, Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, 7.30.

Exhibitions in progress
From Head to Toe: Costume Accessories from 1800 to 1940; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (ends June 21).

Betris by Margaret Bacon; Alpha Gallery, Burton Cottage Farm, Higher Burton, East Coker, Nr Yeovil; Wed to Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 4 (ends May 17). Works by Lio Hai Ming; Aberdeer Art Gallery, Schoolhill; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 7, Sun 2 to 5 (ends May 31).

Riding to the Border: Early printed maps of North-east England

Work by Victor Burgin; Kettle's Yard Gallery, Castle St, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 12.30 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, Thurs 2 to 7, (ends May 18).

Watercolours by Ken Messer; The Stanford Gallery, Classical House, High St, Bedford, Oxon; 10 to 6 daily (ends May 24).

Indra Khanna and William Brown; Two West Country Artists; Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe St; Mon 10 to 5, Tues to Sat 10 to 8, Sun 5 to 8 (ends June 7).

Last chance to see
Paintings, etchings, watercolours and recent monoprints by Elizabeth J. Lyness; Reade's Gallery, 70 High St, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, 10.30 to 4.30.

Music
Recital by Patricia Rozario (soprano) and Mark Troop (piano), 12.45; Concert by the Lindsay String Quartet; Crucible Theatre Studio, Sheffield, 7.45.

Recital by Musica Donum Dei; St Helena's Church, West Leake, Notts, 8.15.

Piano recital by Kathryn Stott; St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Organ recital by Simon Preston; Guildford Cathedral, 8.

Organ recital by Francis Jackson; 12.45; Concert by Louise and his 'Play Back' Trio, 8; Chelmsford Cathedral.

Talks, lectures and films
Kentish towns in the 17th century, by C W Chalkin; Sixth Form Centre, King's School, Rochester, 8.

Christianity and Mass Communication, by Colin Morris; Zion United Reformed Church, George St, Wakefield, 7.30.

Fox Talbot: Father of modern photography, by Robert Jackson; 12.45; Concert by the Civic Centre, Reading, 7.30.

Peace through dialogue: Government without consent, by Conor Cruise O'Brien; St Thomas the Martyr University Church, The Haymarket, Newcastle upon Tyne, 7.30.

Can wildlife pay its way in Africa, by Dr S K Ellingburgh; Lecture Theatre 2, Medical Sciences Building, Lulea University, 5.15.

General
Devon County Show, Devon County Showground, Exhibition Way, Whipton, Exeter; today, tomorrow and Sat 8.45 to 7.45 (ends May 17).

West of England Antiques Fair, Assembly Rooms, Bath; today and tomorrow, 11 to 7, Sat 11 to 5 (ends May 17).

Anniversaries
Births: Count Clemens von Metternich, diplomat, 1903, Germany, 173; Pierre Curie, physicist, Nobel Laureate, 1921, Paris 1859; Arthur Schopenhauer, dramatist, Vienna, 1862.

Deaths: Richard Wilson, landscape painter, Lanberia, 1782; Edmund Kennel, actor, London, 1833; Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1866; Philip, Viscount Snowdon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1924, 1929-31, Tilford, Surrey, 1937.

Books - paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week
FICTION
Black Marina, by Emma Tennant (Faber, £2.95)
Hotel De Dream, by Emma Tennant (Faber, £3.50)
The Drovers Wife and Other Stories, by Murray Ball (Faber, £3.95)
NON-FICTION
Brexit in Context, by John Willett (Methuen, £7.95)
Brexit: A Short History, by G.M. Woodhouse (Faber, £3.95)
Pictures from the Water Trade, by John David Morley (Fleming, £3.50)
The Origins of Totalitarianism, by Hannah Arendt (Andre Deutsch, £5.95)
Gravitas 14, The Suez Revolution, James Fenton in the Philippines (Penguin, £3.95)
Thomas More, by Richard Marius (Fount, £7.95)

The pound

Bank	Rate	Bank	Rate
Austrasia	2.50	Bank of Montreal	2.16
Barclays	2.50	Bank of New York	2.30
Belmont	71.80	Bank of Paris	68.00
City	2.15	Bank of St. Louis	2.06
Commerzbank	22.28	Bank of Tokyo	12.28
Credit Lyonnais	8.10	Bank of West Africa	10.52
Credit Suisse	11.22	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Deutsche Bank	12.30	Bank of West Indies	10.52
France Par	11.62	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Hong Kong & Shanghai	12.30	Bank of West Indies	10.52
India	216.00	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Japan	232.00	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Netherlands	3.92	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Norway	11.87	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Osaka	222.00	Bank of West Indies	10.52
South Africa	4.05	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Spain	221.50	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Switzerland	11.32	Bank of West Indies	10.52
USA	2.91	Bank of West Indies	10.52
Yugoslavia	1.95	Bank of West Indies	10.52
US Dollars	553.80	Bank of West Indies	10.52

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Retail Price Index: 281.6
London: The FT index closed down 21.2 at 1520.1.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Wages Bill, conclusion of remaining stages.

Lords (3): Airports Bill, committee, first day.

Roads

The Midlands: M1: Closed in both directions between junction 15 and 16; diversion via the A508 and A45; allow extra time for journey. M5: Roadworks between junction 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and junction 5 (A38 Droitwich); one lane N, two southbound. M6: Roadworks continue between junction 15 and 16 near Stoke on Trent.

Wales: NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, heavy and prolonged for a time; wind W to NW moderate to fresh; max temp 14C (57F).

Edinburgh: Rain, showers, heavy and prolonged for a time; wind W to NW moderate to fresh; max temp 14C (57F).
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Sea: Sun Rise: 5.08 am, Sun Set: 8.46 pm.
Moon rise: 2.12 am, Moon set: 9.48 am.

Weather forecast

A depression to the E of Scotland will move away E. Further low pressure NW of Scotland will move E with an associated trough swinging SE into W areas during the day.

Gam to midnight

London, SE England, East Angles: Sunny periods developing, isolated showers later; wind W light to moderate; max temp 16C (61F).
Central S, E, central N, NE England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Borders: Sunny periods, occasional showers developing locally; wind W to NW moderate to fresh; max temp 15C (59F).
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Lighting-up time

London 9.16 pm to 4.28 am
Bristol 9.25 pm to 4.37 am
Cardiff 9.32 pm to 4.44 am
Glasgow 9.39 pm to 4.51 am
Liverpool 9.46 pm to 4.58 am
Manchester 9.53 pm to 5.05 am
Newcastle 10.00 pm to 5.12 am
Plymouth 10.07 pm to 5.19 am
Sheffield 10.14 pm to 5.26 am
Wolverhampton 10.21 pm to 5.33 am

Yesterday

Temperature at midday yesterday: C, F.
Belfast C 5 F 41
Brighton C 16 F 61
Bristol C 13 F 55
Cardiff C 11 F 52
Edinburgh C 12 F 54
Glasgow C 11 F 52
London C 12 F 54
Liverpool C 11 F 52
Manchester C 13 F 55
Newcastle C 12 F 54
Plymouth C 11 F 52
Sheffield C 11 F 52
Wolverhampton C 11 F 52

French coach ban

Coach groups of more than 15 children aged under 16 will be banned on all French roads between 10 am on Friday, August 1 and 12 noon on Saturday, August 2.

The ban applies to any vehicle reserved principally for the transport of children. Normal scheduled and shuttle coach services on which children are travelling as passengers with their parents will not be affected by the ban.

A city coach operator intending carrying groups where there are more children than adults is advised to contact the French authorities through the Department of Transport, 2 Marsham St, London, SWIP 3EB. Tel: 01-212 7170 or 7878.

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High Tides

Location	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.23	6.4	6.32	6.2
Abbeville	5.47	6.2	5.44	5.3
Cardiff	11.33	10.1	11.52	10.10
Belfast	3.49	3.0	4.18	2.7
Cardiff	11.16	10.4	11.27	10.5
Liverpool	10.4	10.1	10.19	10.2
Dover	3.05	3.5	3.44	3.5
Cardiff	11.27	10.4	11.38	10.4
Cardiff	11.27	10.4	11.38	10.4
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Around Britain

Location	Sun Rain		Wind	Sun Rain		
	hrs in C	F		hrs in C	F	
East Coast	12.4	15	sunny	12.4	15	bright
Scarboro	12.4	15	sunny	12.4	15	bright
Cardiff	12.4	15	sunny	12.4	15	bright
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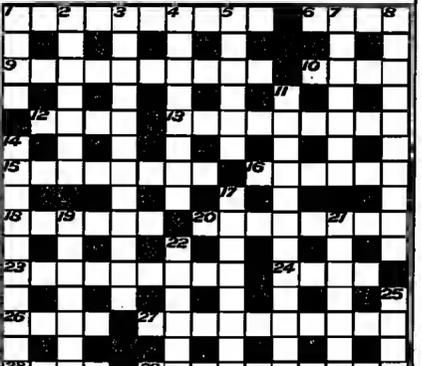
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ABSTRACT

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.											
Algeria	8	24	5	16	10	20	5	16	10	20	5
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,046



- ACROSS**
- Part of London revealing natural beauty (10).
 - I take repeat order for waders (4).
 - Present yourself in Paris for get-together (10).
 - A herb to delight (4).
 - Car never used before (4).
 - Smashed window, say, in Scottish university election (9).
 - Capital fellow, extremely single-minded (8).
 - I hear Dai Jones keeps daughter inside (6).
 - Affraid Civil Service backed a Communist (6).
 - How much time one may expect if planes crash (4-4).
 - Richard finally left alone to fish (5,4).
 - Literary hero of Stoke-on-Trent constituents (4).
 - Part of another Melanesian island (4).
 - Old board used as card-table (5).
 - Half the capital has been lost. What a nuisance! (4).
 - Mr Grimes's appropriate gamble (10).
- DOWN**
- Dog left to play with stones on the ice (4).
 - Being upon no one's in the high house (7).
 - Politically motivated solicitors (12).
 - Disher or pasture nominally booked by Sir Walter (8).
 - Article found in food vessel (6).
 - Artist has to exist on a couple of pounds in Italy at first (7).
 - Charmed after a while by Spring (10).
 - Faces sanctions? (12).
 - Exclusive establishment open only to Unionists (6,4).
 - No tricks intended about seating in stalls (8).
 - Draws attention to commercials (7).
 - First woman to criticize war-time legislation? (7).
 - Start to go downhill, like George (6).
 - A very small amount of string (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,045

STAMPS	BOYNIA
REISSAGE	SARTIA
IRVING	SEOR
REISSAGE	SARTIA
IRVING	SEOR
REISSAGE	SARTIA
IRVING	SEOR
REISSAGE	SARTIA
IRVING	SEOR

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1320.0 (-21.2) FT-SE 100 1594.3 (-29.0) USM (Datastream) 120.84 (-0.29) THE POUND US Dollar 1.5380 (+0.0010) W German mark 3.3636 (-0.0147) Trade-weighted 76.0 (-0.1)

Henderson setback

Pretax profits of Henderson Group, the garage door and security products manufacturer, fell from £6.61 million to £5.52 million in the year to March 31. But the dividend has been increased from 6p to 7p.

Insurance lift

Two composite insurers, Commercial Union Assurance and General Accident Fire and Life, have announced improved results for the three months to March 31.

Barker offer

J Henry Schroder Wagg is bringing Charles Barker to market by way of an offer for sale of 5.02 million shares, or 25 per cent of the company.

Profits climb

Land Securities' pretax profits for the year to March 31 rose £17.3 million to £12.5 million. The final dividend is 6.9p, making 9.8p, compared with 8.15p.

No referrals

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has decided not to refer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the proposed acquisition by Wardsle Stores of RFD Group and the acquisition by Mercury International of a 50 per cent stake in Potter Partners.

Stake raised

Hawley Group has acquired through a subsidiary a further 31.17 million shares in Pritchard Services at 118p, bringing its holding to 32.39 million shares, or about 28 per cent.

Thames soars

Thames Television pre-tax profits soared 67.2 per cent to £14.62 million in the year to March 31, due mainly to a return to profitability of UK operations. Previous year profit was £8.75 million.

Inventories up

United States business inventories rose by 0.4 per cent in March after being unchanged in February.

Airship stake

Westinghouse Electric Corporation is subject to final board approval - taking a stake of about 3 per cent and a seat on the board of Airship Industries, which it is partnering in a bid to capture a United States Navy contract.

NatWest shakes market with £714m rights issue

By Richard Lander

National Westminster Bank yesterday launched the biggest rights issue seen on the London Stock Exchange by asking its shareholders for £714 million to fund international expansion. The bank wants to reduce its dependence on its British banking operations.



Lord Boardman: "economy and shareholders will gain"

The issue means NatWest has raised more than £2.6 billion in new capital of various forms over the past three years and improves its key free capital ratio from 6.05 to 7.14 per cent, close to the average of the three other main clearing banks.

At the same time, NatWest has forecast an interim dividend of 6.79p, a 10 per cent increase on last year's payment after adjustment for the issue.

The sheer size of yesterday's issue took a heavy toll on the stock market, which has now been asked for more than £1.5 billion in rights money over the past month.

The FT 30 share index dropped 21.2 points to 1320.0, wiping more than £3.6 billion off equity prices, according to Datastream. Shares in NatWest fell 85p to 770p while other leading banks shed up to 35p.

Lord Boardman, NatWest's chairman, said of the rights issue: "We are one of the world's leading and most profitable banks. Both our national economy and our shareholders' interests will, in my opinion, gain from this addition to our capital resources."

TOP 10 BIGGEST RIGHTS ISSUES

Table with columns: ISSUER, AMOUNT, DATE. Includes NatWest (714M, May 86), Hanson Trust (519M, Jun 85), Barclays (507M, Mar 85), etc.

The bank's other expansion priorities after America are continental Europe and the Far East. Despite the strength of Standard Chartered in the Orient, Mr Green said NatWest would not be attempting to outbid Lloyds.

Mr Charles Green, general manager of the bank's financial control division, said NatWest's top priority was to expand its range of services in the United States into areas such as mortgage banking and commercial financing.

'Partners' offer to dealers

(AP-Dow Jones) - Mercantile House Holdings confirmed yesterday that it had offered to let primary dealers in the US government bond market become partners in Fundamental Brokers Inc. (FBI), the British financial services group's US government bond brokerage business.

A statement from Mercantile said it was offering "a partnership between FBI and the primary dealers which will result in the primary dealers sharing equally with Mercantile in the profits of FBI."

It said the proposal should be of mutual benefit to the primary dealers, Mercantile, FBI, and the whole market.

Mercantile would be the general partner, having day-to-day and strategic control over FBI. It would contribute the existing assets and business of FBI. The primary dealers would become limited partners for a nominal sum and entitled to take 50 per cent of the profits.

Draft Stock Exchange rules fall short of SIB demands

By Lawrence Lever

The Stock Exchange will be circulating new draft rules to all member firms in the next few days which will provide the framework for the dealing practices and codes of conduct to apply after big bang.

The rules, which were formally approved in the Stock Exchange Council meeting on Tuesday, will be sent out to member firms either tomorrow or on Monday, with firms given eight weeks in which to comment.

The Exchange is hoping that the rules will be finalized by the end of August, in time for the abolition of fixed commissions and the introduction of dual capacity heralded by big bang on October 27.

The draft rules cover dealings in the equity, gilt-edged and fixed-interest securities markets and encompass provisions governing the general conduct of business by Stock Exchange firms and their members.

The exchange's conduct of business rules are likely to spark off heated discussions between the Stock Exchange and the Securities and Investments Board (SIB).

The SIB published its own draft code of business rules in February, specifying in detail rules allowing churning - excessive dealing - and excessive charging, and laying down procedures for firms to ensure that these rules have been complied with.

The Stock Exchange however, which under the new legislation will be obliged to provide protection equivalent to that prescribed by SIB, has declined to make any specific provision for these matters.

The draft rules therefore merely reiterate the exchange's existing requirement that a member firm deal to its client's best advantage.

The exchange's rules also disagree with the SIB's requirement for firms to obtain annual client agreement letters, although the SIB is likely to back down on this, having received strong representations that it should be dropped.

Nevertheless, the uneasy relationship between the SIB and the Stock Exchange is likely to be strained by the exchange's rules. The exchange resents the fact that it will be answerable to the SIB and that the SIB will have the power to amend its rules.

It will, however, be able to introduce its new rules before the SIB receives its regulatory powers under the Financial Services Bill.

The provisions in the exchange's rules regarding the publication of transactions in leading stocks are also likely to lead to opposition from interested market makers concerned that the details of large transactions conducted above the prevailing market price should not be disclosed.

Mr Saul Steinberg, the United States corporate raider, has increased his stake in Mercury International Group, the investment bank formed around S G Warburg, to 9.9 per cent.

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Oil price drop hits Ultramar

By Carol Ferguson

Ultramar, the oil and gas company, yesterday announced poor first-quarter results to March 31, 1986.

Pretax profit fell by 41 per cent to £60.8 million because of the low oil price, higher financing costs and adverse currency movements.

Turnover was down 23 per cent to £629 million. Oil and gas production was maintained at the 1985 level, while refinery runs in Quebec were substantially higher than in the first quarter of last year.

The second quarter is usually seasonally the worst, but the company is forecasting a weak second quarter for other reasons.

Margins in Canada were under pressure in April and the beginning of May as the industry refined its stocks of high-cost oil but was caught out on falling product prices in the market-place.

In the current oil industry climate, the company has taken steps to reduce costs.

Steinberg lifts stake in Mercury International

By Teresa Poole

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In 1984 Charter paid £17.5 million for a 29.9 per cent stake in Rowe & Pitman, and last month it subscribed an additional £17.7 million when the merger was completed.

Britoil rig claim may total £12m

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Britoil confirmed yesterday that compensation claims against Trafalgar House over the late delivery of its high-technology drilling rig, Ocean Alliance, are mounting at the rate of \$60,000 a day and could total £12 million.

The rig was to be handed over next Thursday, but is now unlikely to enter service until next spring, three years behind schedule.

Britoil is hiring an American-owned rig for \$60,000 a day as part of an exploration programme planned for the Ocean Alliance.

Hire costs will have to be met by Trafalgar House under the terms of the contract, which was renegotiated when it took over the Scott Lithgow yard and Ocean Alliance contract from British Shipbuilders.

By mid 1983 the project was two years behind schedule and Britoil cancelled the contract.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet A French twist to the dollar puzzle

The new era of managed, but floating currencies has reached a crucial stage, as foreign exchange market participants are only too well aware. The dollar continued to claw its way back from the precipice yesterday, rising to nearly 164 yen.

But nobody is sure whether James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, is ready to offer a helping hand or to shove it back down again. Certainly, comments yesterday by Malcolm Baldrige, the Commerce Secretary, playing down the inflationary consequences of the dollar's drop and claiming that its fall against the yen had not been excessive, suggested that those who want a weaker dollar still have a strong voice in the White House.

However, Mr Baker studiously refrained from nudging the dollar down further in his remarks to a Congressional committee on Tuesday.

Coupled with publicly expressed concern from Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, about the speed of the dollar's fall, this could be interpreted as a change of heart. The problem is that however good the Group of Five was at coordinating its actual intervention in the markets, it is very bad indeed at putting together oral intervention. It is hard enough to get a consistent story out of Washington, let alone one that fits together with what everyone else is saying.

Thus, Satoshi Sumita, Governor of the Bank of Japan, anxious to head off pressure for another cut in the Japanese discount rate, told a Tokyo audience yesterday that while the yen's rise had been a little fast, it would not substantially damage the economy. The Germans have been sitting tight, claiming they cannot cut interest rates while the mark remains near the bottom of its limits in the European Monetary System.

But now the French have done their best to remove this roadblock to a further round of interest-rate cuts worldwide. In Paris yesterday, Societe Generale led a round of base rate cuts from 10.1 to 9.6 per cent. So London's base rate optimists, who were pushing money market rates down again yesterday, may have a point. The French base rate reductions coincided with a provisional estimate from the National Statistics Institute that the rate of inflation dropped to 2.5 per cent last month, the lowest since the mid-Sixties.

Britain's retail price figures, out tomorrow, will show a rate somewhat above this, probably a little over 3 per cent, but still low enough to provide quite an argument for a base rate cut.

Woolworth in focus

In the battle by Woolworth Holdings against the unwelcome bid by Mr Stanley Kalms' Dixons electricals chain much has been heard about the new Woolworth strategy, focused on six tidy key product areas. Today the 20th store revamped under Woolworth's "Operation Focus" opens in York. This could provide the most detailed insight so far into the changes.

A dozen stores have been operating with the new format since last autumn, and these are said to have improved gross margins by between 3 and 5 per cent. These increases are on top of the chain's overall gross margin improvements. Cash growth at the gross level has been as much as 39.5 per cent. It will further be claimed that profits per square foot of selling space, which stood at £7.35 before any rental payments in the past full year, could go to about £20 by the end of 1988 as the Woolworth strategy takes full effect.

That would approach the current performance of Boots. But it would be a long way behind that of Dixons. The Woolworth defence is that smaller types of stores, with all their offerings within a few yards of the front door, naturally achieve sales at a higher intensity throughout their space.

The average customer spend, long a problem for Woolworth, has improved in the new stores by 65 per cent, so the claim goes. The spend is now put at "well over £3."

A more recent example of how the new Woolworth strategy is faring has been the opening of the relaunched Northampton store at the beginning of this month. In the first week sales were up 46 per cent, even though a quarter of the earlier turnover was wiped out by the withdrawal of lines like food and some adult clothing. Sales in the newly-focused departments doubled. All this, it is claimed, without much help from heavyweight promotion which has yet to take effect.

Woolworth plans to spend £43 million this year and £50 million in each of the next two years in relaunching some 800 stores under Operation Focus.

One option under consideration in some locations is for satellite stores to be opened near an existing main Woolworth's. These satellites would concentrate on only one of the six focus sectors. This echoes not dissimilar plans already announced by Marks and Spencer for satellite outlets.

Changeover in merchandising, concentrating on the six target areas, will be completed by next spring in 200 relaunched bigger shopping-comparison stores in larger towns and cities and another 600 smaller stores.

The six areas in focus in them will be Kids, now being described by Mr Mike Sommers, Woolworth's marketing director, as a "fun Mothercare"; Gifts and Sweets; Entertainment, aiming for consumers over a wider age range including young families; Kitchen Shop; Home and Garden; and Looks, including cosmetics.

The Woolworth aim in these areas is to offer the best value and range on the high street. Yet with Kids it will be up against Marks and Spencer as well as Mothercare. And its profit target of £20 a square foot is a tough one: Woolworth does, after all, have rather more than 7 million square feet of space.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, CURRENCIES, INTEREST RATES, GOLD. Lists various market indicators and prices.

Guessing game is on to name successor to BTR chief

By Cliff Feltham

The guessing game to name the successor to Sir Owen Green, the £260,000-a-year architect of the BTR group, began in earnest yesterday after he gave shareholders a strong indication that he was preparing to hand over the reins as chief executive after 19 phenomenally successful years.

Sir Owen, who was celebrating his 61st birthday, has passed the executive retirement age but looks set to stay on as chairman for some years.

The head of the £3.8 billion industrial group (once humbly known as the British Tyre and Rubber Company), sporting a blue rosette before a dedicated shareholders' annual meeting in London, reassured his followers that the succession programme was proceeding in an "orderly, secure and evolutionary manner."

But this failed to suppress a buzz of speculation to pinpoint the person able to match the achievements of Sir Owen, who during his term of office has turned an investment of £4,000 into £750,000.



Sir Owen Green: A hard act to follow

Hot favourites from within BTR include the two European joint chief executives, Mr Hugh Langham and Mr Lionel Stammers, and the head of the United States operations, Mr John Cahill.

Mr Andrew Jackson, the Australian chief, was being tipped by one firm of brokers yesterday.

Meanwhile, Sir Owen - whose last big deal involved the takeover of Dunlop - was taking a detached view of the current mega-bid mania. "We don't feel compelled to join the mega-bid circus. Bigness for bigness sake has never featured in our strategic thinking," he said.

His plans include a listing of BTR shares on the stock markets in Zurich, Geneva, Basle, Frankfurt and Tokyo. Not the US? "Not at the moment. It is expensive and requires a lot of detailed information," he said, renewing speculation that a long-negotiated acquisition of some size may be made first in the US, perhaps as a swansong.

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WALL STREET

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

COMMODITIES

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street shares moved higher in early trading yesterday in sympathy with a bond market revival, traders said. An increase in short-term technical indicators also helped, they said.

Meanwhile, the transportation average was up 2.57 points at 785.45 and utilities were ahead 0.52 points at 181.98. Stocks were up 1.68 points at 694.56.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 4.84 points higher at 1,790.18. Advancing issues led declines marginally on 11.3 million shares.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table with columns for Market rates, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months. Includes data for New York, London, and other locations.

Rates were little changed by the close yesterday, as the market attempted to absorb the remarks by Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, to Congress on Tuesday. The pound closed little different at 1.5380 (1.5370).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table with columns for Country, Rate, and other details. Includes entries for France, Germany, Italy, etc.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

Table listing various commodities like Wheat, Corn, and their prices in London.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Table listing prices for various types of meat and livestock.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Table listing prices for various metals like Gold, Silver, and Copper.

Money Markets and Gold

Table showing Treasury bills, Discount Market Rates, and other financial data.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Table showing interest rates for various currencies and deposit terms.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing exchange rates for various countries like Argentina, Australia, etc.

SOYABEAN

Table showing prices for soybeans and related commodities.

ZINC STANDARD

Table showing prices for zinc and other metals.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing various financial trusts and their performance.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table containing detailed information about various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance metrics.

TEMPUS

Surprise recovery at Commercial Union

Commercial Union Assurance has been about to turn up for so long that when it produces evidence of recovery, as it did yesterday, few believe that change is underway. Though the company reported a £30 million swing in first-quarter pretax profits to £12.4 million the shares fell 2p to 327p.

The results bore a remarkable resemblance to those of General Accident Fire & Life, which also announced its results for the three months to March 31. At GA there was a £23.7 million swing to pretax profits of £5.1 million. Both companies reported big increases in premium rates and CU is also benefiting from last year's cut back in America. Its US losses fell from £31.7 million to £7.1 million, but the US underwriting loss of £35 million, down from £66 million, still accounted for more than half the total underwriting deficit of £64 million, down from £100 million.

CU's life profits rose from £16.7 million to £18.0 million but investment income fell from £65 million to £56 million.

At GA the underwriting loss fell from £77.7 million to £63.5 million. It says the home motor account is still difficult and so far this year it has increased rates by 3 per cent, but another hike looks likely. GA's small life business profits rose and its investment income increased from £57 million to £66 million.

Both companies were hit by the severe winter weather. CU said this cost it £12 million, up from £9 million whereas GA said it cost £20 million, which was little changed.

CU claims that it has no need of a rights issue but the fear of one is likely to overhang the market for some time. On the other hand yesterday's results make it likely that CU will increase this year's dividend to say 15p, making the yield 4.6 per cent, against GA's prospective yield of 4.1 per cent with the shares at 847p. That premium could well narrow to coming months.

Land Securities

Year-end results to March 31 for Land Securities — Britain's largest property company and regarded as the barometer of the sector — are broadly in line with expectations, showing few surprises. The portfolio, which is weighted towards City and

West End offices, is valued at £2.54 billion, a net increase of 3.3 per cent, and the net asset value is up by 4.7 per cent to 420p per share.

The company has refurbished one million sq ft of its City portfolio, with virtually all the space let (Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, is likely to be the next tenant — for space at Fenchurch Street). This has been reflected in rental income for the year which shows net rents rising to £134 million from £114.9 million for the previous year.

But some property values outside the City and West End have been falling, a factor reflected in dull revaluation figures.

Land Securities' late move into the retail warehouse market should give it healthy returns in a sector where yields have been rising. It has £72 million in investments and developments, with potential to reach £100 million.

The company is looking for more development opportunities in the City and West End, a policy which will help to dispel its rather dull image.

It could be a contender for the City Corporation's Boys School site and was interested in the Post Office site at St Martins-le-Grand, now being developed by British and Japanese interests.

Land Securities does not want development partners, preferring to do fewer schemes where it retains all profits. Grand Buildings in Trafalgar Square will be a large project, but relatively cheap compared with new City schemes where Land Securities has to buy the site, despite a loss of income during redevelopment.

The company has raised three tranches of money since last November, giving it £300 million of finance at favourable rates. It does not rule out the possibility of returning for more, a situation which the market will accept happily in a company with conservative borrowings.

It is trading at a 25 per cent discount to net asset value, unlike some of the fashionable property trading companies where premiums are the order of the day.

Charles Barker

Charles Barker, the advertising and public relations firm which is coming to market this month, is believed to have had its origins in 1812 with an early connection with this newspaper.

Charles Barker, aged 21, formed a joint venture with the Printer of The Times to produce a newsletter containing selected items from The Times to be distributed to newspaper publishers around the country. For the first time provincial newspapers were able to publish up-to-date information at the time The Times reached the provinces.

As the telegraph companies took over the dissemination of the news, Charles Barker's *raison d'être* disappeared. But the advertising business built up through the original newsletter flourished, and today it accounts for about 30 per cent of the company's operating profit.

A further 25 per cent of operating income comes from public relations and the rest from human resources, including staff recruitment and training, and below-the-line services.

Just over five million shares — 25 per cent of the company — are being offered for sale at 150p each, valuing the company at £30.2 million. Many of the sellers are institutional shareholders who owned about 58 per cent of the issued share capital, before the sale.

Of the shares being sold, 1.2 million are part of the consideration for the recent acquisition of Norman Broadbent International, a leading executive search co-ordinator. The final consideration will depend on future profits.

Charles Barker does not provide a profit forecast in the prospectus. On earnings per share of 8.5p for the year to December 31, 1985, the shares are being offered on a historic p/e multiple of 18.2.

In 1986 a 20 per cent increase in pretax profit to £4.3 million is likely to prove conservative in view of the spectacular progress shown in the five-year trading record. In addition, the tax charge is likely to fall in 1986 to a more normal level of 42 per cent compared with a 50 per cent charge in 1985 because of disallowed office refurbishment costs.

The prospective multiple could fall to 13 or 14, fully diluted.

Advertising, public relations and executive search are enjoying something of a boom. These activities may not do so well to an economic downturn, but Charles Barker will claim some cushion in financial public relations where demand for its services is likely to explode after the City's big bang.

Cash call sends indexes tumbling

A record-breaking rights issue of more than £700 million from NatWest sent shock waves through stock markets yesterday.

The FT 30-share tumbled by 21.2 points to 1,320.0, while the FT-SE 100 index ended 29.0 points down at 1,594.3.

Although the issue was on "bonus" terms and the chairman's accompanying statement was encouraging, NatWest tumbled by 85p to 770p, taking other clearers down by between 30p and 35p in sympathy, with only bid candidate Standard Chartered holding steady at 812p, up 5p.

Oils declined afresh, still digesting the £86 million cash call announced on Tuesday by Barmah, 6p lower at 348p, BP at 563p and Shell 763p, both slipped about 6p ahead of today's quarterly statements and disappointing figures from Ultramar knocked 8p from the share price to 181p.

A return to profits by Commercial Union and General Accident did little for the insurance sector. CU eased a penny to 328p, while GA fell 1p to 844p. Royal, reporting today, declined by 15p to 939p.

In complete contrast, the dollar-supporting statements from Mr Volcker and Mr Baker on Tuesday prompted a rally in US bonds which, in turn, prompted gains of more than £10 in gilts.

Elsewhere, Tuesday's new-found confidence was quickly eroded, with dealers fearing yet further big flooding operations. Jobbers marked prices lower from the outset in most sectors.

A subsequent modest rally failed to hold and by the official close prices had drifted back to their lowest levels of the day. Breweries, stores and electricals gave back most of Tuesday's rises.

Builders were no worse than mixed, but newcomer Westbury recorded a useful

premium of 11p at 156p. Barratt was another firm spot at 164p — up 6p — on talk of a bid from Tarmac.

The fall in the FT index was exaggerated by the big loss in the constituent stock NatWest. Most other reductions were confined to between 5p and 15p, with Glaxo again resisting the trend on American buying at 980p, up 15p. There were still plenty of firm stocks generated by takeover speculation and favourable company statements.

Handerson Group jumped by 18p to 218p in response to better-than-expected profits and Holmes & Marchant celebrated a 70 per cent earnings expansion with a 20p rise to 515p.

In steady properties, Land Securities hardened by 2p to 312p after a 20 per cent improvement, while MEPC put on 5p to 348p on hopes of a bid. Warehouse Group was marked up another £1.50 to £14, awaiting takeover developments. Worcester made a bright debut on the USM at 137p against a placing price of 110p.

Good profits boosted Abbey Crest by 12p to 128p, but Molyneux softened 4p to 82p after a small rights issue. FS Ratcliffe at 230p, up 35p and Manders 15p better at 253p were among the best speculative situations.

Concentric improved by another 5p to 104p, still reflecting satisfaction with Tuesday's 38 per cent profits

increase. IMI was supported at 185p, up 5p, but Rascol at 214p, Amstrad 509p and Thorn-EMI 457p, retreated by between 10p to 15p. WSL Holdings recorded 9p to 181p on profit-taking.

Comment on Tuesday's figures left Sears 2p lower at 116p, but NSS News added 2p to 172p on its results. Fading bid hopes knocked 13p from Rank Organisation at 559p. British and Commonwealth dipped 7p to 136p ahead of today's results.

The prospect of benefits from the big bang stimulated NMW Computers at 340p, up 3p. TDS Circuits gained 6p to 159p, the heavy losses already discounted.

Other firm spots included DJ Alarms at 140p, Marling 83p, F Copson 83p, Smith Whitworth 42p, D Y Davies 230p, Sunbeam Wolsey 109p and Thomas Robinson 353p — all between 7p and 23p higher. Hunting Petroleum added 6p to 153p after the annual meeting and Century Oil also did well at 102p, up 3p. Profit-taking cut 12p from Stainless Metal at 208p. Gieves put on 5p to 143p after little changed profits.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		RIGHTS ISSUES	
Antler (180p)	125	Worcester (110p)	137
Ashley (110p)	192-2	Wicks (140p)	155
BPP (160p)	218	RIGHTS ISSUES	
Combe Lease (125p)	138	Ashley Ind N/P	27
Daves OY (155p)	230 +13	F&C Euro N/P	3-1
Debor (130p)	144	Grycoast N/P	268
Ferguson (110p)	25-1	Hester N/P	28-8
Good (115p)	216-1	Low & Borer N/P	23-5
Green (120p)	122	President Ent N/P	13
Ipsco (120p)	121	Ratners N/P	44
Jervis Porter (105p)	140	Rosehaugh N/P	33-10
Jurys Hotel (115p)	92-4	Satchi & S N/P	5-3
Lee Ind (180p)	159	Sale Tiney N/P	
		(Issue price in brackets)	

Shell loans to aid small businesses

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Shell UK, the oil company, is putting up £500,000 in a trail-blazer scheme to help mostly young people up to 25 trying to start or expand their own small businesses.

Loans of up to £5,000 will attack the most difficult area of the equity gap. This is created by a dearth of venture capital for businesses needing funding below £50,000, but the problem is especially intense for those needing less than £10,000.

With interest at about 1 per cent over bank base rates the Shell loans will also be cheaper than those available under the Government's re-shaped Loan Guarantee Scheme, which by partially underwriting bank loans also attempts to bridge the equity gap.

Launching the scheme in

London yesterday, Mr Bob Reid, chairman and chief executive of Shell, said:

"There was a need for a method which would enable limited sums to be used in an exceptionally constructive fashion. We are acting as a catalyst and the key to the scheme is that the money is applied where it is needed most by the enterprise agencies."

Shell believes it vital that they also agree to use the counselling and training on offer from the agencies.

Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment, welcomed the initiative as an imaginative one whose significance lay not only in its immediate practical value but also in the example it set.

APPOINTMENTS

National Westminster Bank: Mr Martin Gray has been made head of group planning, succeeding Mr Jim Chester who becomes West End (West) area director.

BP Ventures: Professor Dean Berry joins the board.

Dixons Group: Mr Dick Andrews is named as group personnel director and a director of Dixons Group Management. Mr Gerald M N Corbett becomes director of corporate finance and a director of Dixons Group Management.

Mr Bill Lazarus will join on June 2 as group financial controller.

The Daily Telegraph: Mr Ken Burton is to become advertisement director.

Thorn EMI Kenwood Small Appliances: Mr Timothy Parker has been made managing director and will succeed Mr Keith Miller from June 1.

Extel Financial and Business Services: Mr Peter Camber and Mr Stuart Clark have been appointed to the board.

Norway urges UK to cut oil output

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Norway is calling on Britain to join it in adopting a new policy of co-operation with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in limiting oil output to help push the world price back upwards.

The Norwegian Government, announced on Tuesday a change in its policy towards Opec.

The Department of Energy's view is that it is a matter for the oil companies and not for the Government, and this is unlikely to change.

However, an acceleration of maintenance programmes in the North Sea this summer could slow down production from the North Sea, with many within Opec considering that such a move will be

Government-inspired so that it is not seen to make any public change in its stance.

Britain is now the only oil exporter which has not reached an informal agreement with Opec and there are now expectations that the Opec ministerial meeting in Brioni, Yugoslavia, next month could reach a new production-sharing agreement involving all its 13 member countries as well as the non-Opec producers apart from Britain.

Continued refusal by Britain to join Opec in an informal agreement could lead to the re-emergence of demands from the more radical Opec members, led by Iran, that the oil producers' cartel retaliate with a trade war against Britain.

COMPANY NEWS

● NSS NEWSAGENTS: Half-year to March 30, 1986. Interim dividend 1.5p (1.35p), payable July 10. Turnover £99.07 million (£89.27 million). Pretax profit £4.02 million (£3.32 million). Earnings per share, basic, 7.4p (4.6p) and diluted, 6.8p (4.3p).

● MOLYNX HOLDINGS: The company plans to raise about £300,000, after expenses, by a rights issue of 700,000 new ordinary shares at 45p each on a one-for-four basis. This issue has not been underwritten.

● ABBEYCREST: Interim dividend 1p for the six months to Feb. 28, 1986. Turnover £5.5 million (£5.99 million). Pretax profit £629,000 (£472,000). Earnings per share 5.7p (4.4p). The directors propose to change the year-end from Aug. 31 to Dec. 31, so the current period will be for 16 months to Dec. 31, 1986.

1986. 2p (4.9p). Turnover £9.25 million (£11.98 million). Pretax loss £421,000 (profit £2.65 million).

1985. Pretax profit £7.8 million (£7.1 million). ● BRITISH SHOE CORP (subsidiary of Sears PLC): Year to Jan. 31, 1986. Turnover £1,010.5 million (£937.6 million). Pretax profit £105 million (£118 million).

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OUR RESULTS AREN'T THE ONLY REFRESHING THINGS WE PRODUCE

Poole Pottery's new range of tableware is just one of many new developments.

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Land Securities

Abridged Summary of Results for the Year ended 31st March, 1986

	31.3.86 £'m	31.3.85 £'m	Increase %
Total income	171.5	148.4	15.6
made up of			
Rental income	152.6	132.1	15.5
Service charges and other recoveries	13.6	12.2	11.5
Interest receivable	5.3	4.1	29.3
Net rents and interest receivable	134.0	114.9	16.6
Income on ordinary activities before taxation	112.9	95.6	18.1
Taxation	33.4	36.6	(8.7)
Income available for distribution	79.5	59.0	34.7
Dividends per share paid (2.9p) and proposed (6.9p); 1985: 8.15p	49.3	41.0	20.2
Earnings per share	15.79p	11.72p	34.7
Dividend cover — times	1.61	1.44	

The Knight Frank & Rutley valuation of the portfolio as at 31st March, 1986, totalled £2,543.3m, an increase of £207.6m over that at the previous year end. Taking into account expenditure on properties £160.9m and the book value of properties sold, £34.4m, during the period, the surplus on revaluation was £81.1m, an increase of 3.3% (1985: 4.6%).

Incorporating the valuation in the Accounts at 31st March, 1986, and without adjusting for taxation payable in the event of properties being sold the consolidated net assets of the Group at that date amounted to £2,112.4m, on which basis, the net asset value per share is 420p, an increase of 4.7% over that at 31st March, 1985.

All buildings in the recent 1m sq. ft. office programme have been let except for two (40,900 sq. ft.) which are not yet completed; one of which (32,500 sq. ft.) it has been agreed to let since the year end.

Three large City office buildings and a block of shops in Oxford Street have been acquired as investments or for development. Plans for new developments include several buildings in the City and West End, the £25m Olympia Centre, East Kilbride and an extension to the shopping centre at Irvine New Town.

A first-class portfolio of out-of-town retail warehouses and food superstores has been built up in carefully selected strategic locations.

Having concluded three borrowings each of £100m nominal, two since 31st March, 1986, the Company has secured long term finance to replace bank facilities, to meet the capital commitments of £108.7m at that date and to contribute towards the costs of further schemes which will be referred to in the Report of the Directors.

The full Report of the Directors and the Accounts containing an unqualified Report by the Auditors, a detailed portfolio review, illustrations and photographs with additional information including a list of major properties, are due to be distributed on 2nd June, 1986. Non-shareholders who would like a copy are requested to write to The Secretary.

LAND SECURITIES PLC Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London W1X 6BT

Ford UK revives with profits up £100m

Ford of Britain has reported a £100 million before tax profit boost to £160 million, compared with £60 million in 1984.

The 1985 annual report said the increase was accompanied by higher levels of turnover, export revenue, sales volume, capital investment and research and development expenditure.

Operating profits for 1985 were £88 million, compared with a loss of £14 million in 1984. For the second time in five years a £100 million dividend was paid to the Ford Motor Company in the United States.

Mr Sam Toy, Ford of Britain chairman and managing

director, said: "We achieved a substantial turnaround in 1985, checking and, I hope, reversing the five-year downward trend in profitability."

"Equally significant was the group's return, after an interlude of one year, to profitable operation in its main activity — the manufacture and sale of vehicles and components."

But he said return on sales of 3.9 per cent was still insufficient.

The Escort was Britain's best selling car in 1985, with the Fiesta third, Sierra fifth and Orion eighth. The company took 38.4 per cent of the diesel car market, maintaining its lead.

Daimler-Benz reports record year

Stuttgart (Reuters) — Daimler-Benz, West Germany's biggest company, announced record profits for 1985 yesterday.

Executives said the dollar's plunge from its peak early in 1985 would bring down this year's worldwide turnover and profit in terms of the mark, but earnings for 1986 would at least match last year's.

The company's world group after-tax profit surged 52 per cent to a record DM1.68 billion (£500 million) in 1985.

The rise was attributed to increases in car sales of 18 per cent at home and 11 per cent abroad, high use of production capacity, and the then-strong dollar.

Retail price index 'overstates the rate of inflation'

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The retail price index tends to overstate the true rate of inflation, according to a report published yesterday by the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

In two key areas, the weights used in the construction of the RPI and the treatment of housing, the index is biased upwards, the report says.

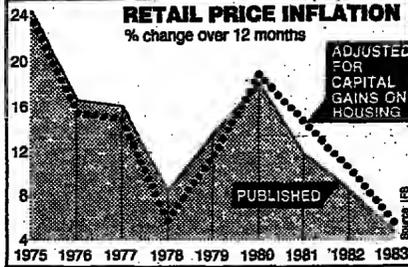
This could result in higher public spending than is necessary, through social security and other upratings; it could boost wage increases, with negotiators often emphasizing the RPI; and it could give rise to misleading calculations of real rates of return.

Most important, at a time when retail price inflation is the key target of government policy, an RPI that overstates inflation could result in unnecessary tightness of policy.

In their first area of criticism the authors, Mr Panos Pashardes and Miss Vanessa Fry, look at the weights used in the calculation of the RPI. These are based on the annual Family Expenditure Survey and, because of the time taken to process the FES data, are a year out of date when first brought into use and nearly two years out of date when replaced by new weights.

This means there is no allowance made in the RPI for the fact that people will adjust their spending in response to price changes.

The authors compared the published index with what it



would have been had up-to-date weights been available at the time. The effect was predictable: the RPI, by failing to allow for switches in expenditure, overstated inflation.

The biggest divergence between published and updated inflation rates occurred between January 1977 and January 1978. The published rate was 9.9 per cent and the updated rate 9.1 per cent.

To avoid such divergences, the IFS says, the Department of Employment should develop a model to predict changes in expenditure patterns.

A more dramatic change in methods is proposed for the RPI's treatment of housing. The present use of mortgage rates as the main measure of the costs of owner-occupation is inadequate, the report says.

The IFS suggests an alternative, which would include both mortgage rates and a measure of capital gains or losses on housing. Capital

gains are treated as windfall income, and therefore act to offset the costs of buying a home as measured by mortgage interest payments.

The effects of including a capital gain/loss factor in the RPI can be dramatic, particularly when the rise or fall in house prices is out of step with other price movements.

The report's third area of criticism is on whether the RPI is representative. The IFS says the weights used in the RPI are biased towards the better-off households, because the weighting is itself determined by amounts spent.

This has the effect of pulling the RPI in the other direction to the IFS's other main criticisms. Poor households have tended to suffer bigger increases in their cost of living than the rich, but this has not been fully reflected in retail price inflation.

Britain and US to seek airline peace

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Britain and the United States will begin talks on transatlantic air traffic in London on May 27, the outcome of which will have a strong impact both on the Government's plans to privatize British Airways and on the earnings potential of British airlines.

Officials here said that the talks were crucial because they would determine whether the growing dispute between the two governments over transatlantic air traffic could be resolved without igniting a major trade dispute.

British officials are seeking guarantees, in the form of an automatic trigger arrangement, that the "defining" share of the British carriers will not be allowed to drop below a certain specified level.

Mr Alastair Pugh, vice-chairman of the British Caledonian Group, said the dispute over key aspects of the Bermuda Airline Treaty — they are to expire in July — had already had a significant adverse impact.

This was, in part, responsible for British Caledonian's decision not to seek a Stock Exchange listing in 1986, and for the Government's decision not to seek a timetable for the privatization of British Airways.

Given the heavy dependence of British carriers on the £3 billion transatlantic market, uncertainties surrounding the status of the treaty have darkened the outlook for the three main British carriers, which account for an estimated 40 per cent of North Atlantic traffic.

Mr Pugh said that North Atlantic services accounted for 25 per cent of the total revenue of British Airways, an estimated 35 per cent of British Caledonian's revenue and up to 99 per cent of Virgin Atlantic's.

But British officials said there had been disturbing signs in recent months that these market shares were declining not because British carriers were uncompetitive, but because of the unfair advantages US carriers had gained as a result of deregulation.

This had led to the creation of a small group of big US airlines, or "mega-carriers", which dominated important domestic markets, effectively shutting out competition.

This was accomplished through the use of carrier-owned computer reservation systems and feeder arrangements for regional airlines which required them to channel business to the main carriers.

British officials said that in areas where British airlines had been able to break into this system, such as in Atlanta where British Caledonian had a link with Eastern Airlines, one of the dominant carriers, they were fully competitive.

But, in other important areas where British airlines were shut out, such as Dallas and Newark, there were signs of declining market share, which suggested that "the playing field is not level" for British carriers.

Britain is seeking a trigger arrangement requiring automatic consultations and precise actions when the market share of British carriers falls below 40 per cent.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

BASF '86

We announce herewith this year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on Thursday, June 26, 1986, 10:00 a. m. at the BASF Feilerabendhaus, Leuschnerstraße 47 Ludwigshafen/Rhine, West Germany

Agenda

1. Presentation of the Financial Statements of BASF Aktiengesellschaft and BASF Aktiengesellschaft consolidated with its German Subsidiaries; presentation of the Annual Reports of BASF Aktiengesellschaft and BASF Aktiengesellschaft consolidated with its German Subsidiaries; presentation of the Supervisory Board Report.

2. Declaration of dividend.
3. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board.
4. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Executive Directors.
5. Appointment of auditors.
6. Authorized capital I.
7. Authorized capital II.
8. Bonds with warrants.

Shareholders wishing to participate in the Annual Meeting and to exercise their right to vote must have deposited their shares during normal office hours and in the prescribed form at a depository bank. The shares should remain deposited until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Shareholders have the right to vote by proxy. Depository banks and the full Agenda are published in the "Bundesanzeiger" of the German Federal Republic Nr. 88 of May 15, 1986.

Depository bank is in the U. K.: S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.

The deposit is only effective if the shares are submitted by Wednesday, June 18, 1986.

Ludwigshafen/Rhine, May 15, 1986
The Board of Executive Directors

BASF Aktiengesellschaft
D-6700 Ludwigshafen

BASF

Leasing industry gains £1.7bn new business

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The equipment leasing business is holding up despite inimical Budget changes two years ago. The first quarter of this year has seen £1.7 billion in new business — not far short of the record £2 billion in the corresponding period last year.

This was announced at the annual dinner in London of the Equipment Leasing Association by its chairman, Mr David Beever, who said that last year association members had leased nearly £5 billion of plant and equipment, a 43 per cent increase over 1984.

Mr Beever said that with the progressive reduction in tax and the 1984 Budget phasing out first-year capital allowances on machinery and plant, the leasing industry had brought in exceptionally competitive rates, making leasing a more attractive option.

New products and services

had also been introduced which, linked to more muscular marketing, had helped leasing to an increased market share.

But Mr Beever gave a warning that the 1984 tax changes could still have a negative effect on the industry. "In seeking to remove the previous fiscal bias in favour of investment, the balance may have been tipped too far the other way."

Studies carried out for the association had pointed to the tax changes having an adverse effect on new capital investment in the longer term.

Mr Beever forecast that leasing was likely to be used to finance new types of assets, including building.

J. Hewitt & Son (Fenton) P.L.C.

Manufacturers of domestic and industrial refractories, kiln furniture and electrical porcelain

	1985	1984	1983	1982
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Sales	7,717	6,304	7,427	4,970
Profit before tax	642	541	1,030	488
Profit retained	295	50	536	262
Earnings per share	11.4p	8.0p	18.3p	9.4p
Dividend per share	2.7p	2.4p	2.4p	1.6p

Extract from the Statement by the Chairman, David Hewitt:

Sales to date in 1986 are higher than those for the corresponding period in 1985 and production in all departments is currently running at increased levels. Further capital

expenditure has been sanctioned to provide additional capacities to meet forecast higher demands. I expect the results for 1986 will be better than those for 1985.



Results for 1985

Brokerage	up 15 per cent	£78 million
Profit before taxation	up 29 per cent	£30 million
Profit after taxation	up 34 per cent	£16 million
Earnings per share	up 37 per cent	21p
Dividends per share	up 28 per cent	8p

The Minet Group reports a record breaking performance in 1985 against a background of dramatic changes in the key insurance markets of the world in terms of premium levels and market capacity.

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Chairman

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ASSURANCE

THREE MONTHS' REVIEW

Strong profit improvement

- ★ Improvement of £30m in unaudited operating profit before tax.
- ★ Shareholders' funds increase substantially following strong investment performance.
- ★ United Kingdom continues to make good progress despite severe winter weather.
- ★ Substantial rate increases and our previous actions in the United States start to benefit results.
- ★ Growth of life business.

MAIN FEATURES OF RESULTS

	3 months 1986	3 months 1985	Year 1985
	Unaudited £m	Unaudited £m	Actual £m
Total premium income	714.1	694.7	2,306.0
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	12.4	(17.5)	.2
Taxation and minorities	(7.5)	(4.2)	(31.6)
Realised investment gains	15.6	.6	59.9
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	20.5	(21.1)	(30.5)
Earnings per share	4.97p	(5.11)p	(7.40)p
Shareholders' funds	£1,336m	£1,005m	£1,161m

Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	11.5	3.0	71.5
United States	(7.1)	(31.7)	(119.6)
Netherlands	9.6	8.7	38.8
Canada	2.0	1.0	5.6
Rest of the World	(3.6)	1.5	3.9
	12.4	(17.5)	.2



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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Lloyds shakeup promises profitable spin-offs

By Judith Huntley

Lloyds Bank, which announced plans this week to reorganise all its City office space, is likely to occupy 250,000 sq ft in Broadgate, the 2.5 million sq ft financial centre being developed by Rosehaugh Stanhope at Liverpool Street on the eastern edge of the Square Mile.

Lloyds Merchant Bank and staff involved in market-making could take phase four of the scheme in about two years, joining Security Pacific, Shearson Lehman American Express and the Uoiuo Bank of Switzerland.

Neither the bank nor the letting agents, Jones Lang Wootton, Healey & Baker and Matthews Goodman, would comment on the move. Rents in Broadgate are over £35 a sq ft.

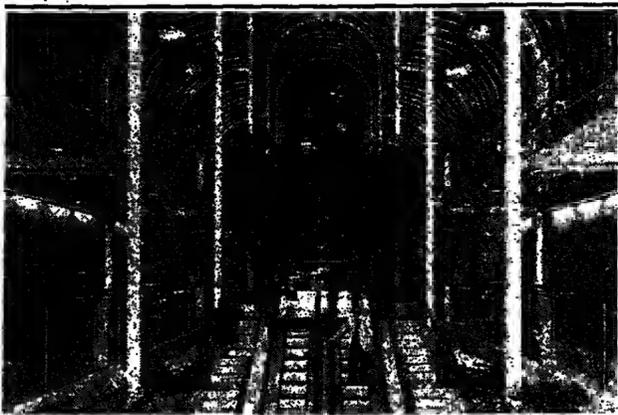
Lloyds' headquarters at Lombard Street, close to the Bank of England, will remain in use after refurbishment and Lloyds Merchant Bank will continue to occupy 40 Queen Victoria Street at least until the new City office is ready.

However, the first stage of Lloyds' move from 23 offices scattered about the City will be to occupy 160,000 sq ft in the Hays Galleria building on the south side of the Thames, close to London Bridge in St Martins Property Corporation's one million sq ft Loodoo Bridge City development.

The quoted rent is £16 a sq ft for the space, say the letting agents, Baker Harris Saunders and Jones Lang Wootton.

Lloyds is also decentralizing 700 staff serving its worldwide banking network to Bristol, where it is looking for new offices. The bank hopes to complete its reorganization by 1991.

Buildings which are surplus to its needs will be sold over the next five years. There are some valuable City freeholds among those properties on which Lloyds hopes to capitalize. It considered moving to Canary Wharf, the 10 million sq ft financial centre planned in London's Docklands, but decided it could meet its needs



International House (above), the 100,000 sq ft office building which is part of the Ealing Broadway Centre in west London, has a new tenant - United Business Systems - which is paying £13.25 a sq ft for 15,880 sq ft of space.

The Centre, which has a large retail element as well as residential space, was developed by Legal & General, the insurance company, John Laing Developments and the London Borough of Ealing. The letting agents are Bernard Thorpe & Partners and Smith Metzack.

with existing buildings in or near the Square Mile.

Meanwhile, Wates City of London Properties, the only quoted property company with an entire portfolio of City of London offices, must be feeling pleased that Lloyds has finally decided to reorganize its City offices.

It is likely that the bank will dispose of its lease on 80 Cheapside, formerly occupied by Lloyds Bank International, now merged with Lloyds Bank. Wates owns the building, which forms a crucial part of its plans to redevelop the site with 136,000 sq ft of offices and 15,000 sq ft of retailing. It is valued at about £10 million but that will soar once Wates can redevelop the entire site.

The property abuts the buildings owned by Mr Peter Palumbo, who is about to unveil his new plans for the Mansion House (his former project to build a skyscraper

is paying £13.25 a sq ft for 15,880 sq ft of space.

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on the site was turned down). Meanwhile, Wates is turning its attention to Vinty House, on the City side of Southwark Bridge.

The developer has been asked by its owner, the Vintners Company, to determine the development potential of the riverside building. Wates hopes to put in a planning application to the City Corporation by the summer, and the City planners will soon be asked to approve the company's plans to redevelop Winchester House in Old Broad Street, the offices it owns with Friends Provident Life Office.

That could result in the demolition of the building, bought from the St Martins Property Corporation for £65 million, and its replacement by 400,000 sq ft of new space.

The bullishness of the City office market is such that Wates says it has already had potential occupiers lining up for Winchester House. But it

is the developers who are lining up to win the tender to develop the former City of London Boys School overlooking the river close to Blackfriars.

The City Corporation will choose the successful bidder at the end of next week. The need to find a large amount of new office space before big bang gets under way is such that owner-occupiers are among those wanting the Boys School site. Goldman Sachs, the American finance house, and Morgan Guaranty Joint London & Edinburgh Trust are among others in the bidding.

Earlier attempts to sell the site came to nothing as the office market would not support a development in that location. Times have changed and the impact of financial deregulation has caused a boom in office development in and around the Square Mile, forcing occupiers to look outside traditional areas for the kind of space they need.

'No easy money' in financial services

New players in the financial services industry will have to pay a high admission price with no easy money to be made. This timely warning was given by Lord Boardman, chairman of National Westminster Bank, to the London conference of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers.

Lord Boardman said estate agents wanting to become credible players in their own account would have to make "a significant investment in capital and people".

"There is no certainty that the return will justify the substantial outlay involved. Intense competition is a feature of all sectors of the financial services industry."

While agreeing that there would always be a place for firms who concentrate on their existing business, Lord Boardman said clients could be lost to other firms which had used their strengths as a base for diversification.

More warnings for surveyors came from Mr David Sizer, a senior partner in Richard Ellis, the firm of chartered surveyors. He saw a polarization between the small surefooted entrepreneurial partnership and the growing commercial clout of the large, probably international, agency offering a range of services.

Mr Sizer believed the middle-ranking firms would lose out. He said: "They are just too big to seize opportunities as fast as their smaller competitors and out large enough to offer the range of services or carry the research and information base offered by larger firms."

Meanwhile, the great debate continues over whether surveyors should become incorporated once rules allow. The argument hinges on whether they need outside capital. Mr Sizer believes they do.

"It has been a lack of capital, rather than any single other factor that I believe has held back the broader development of many otherwise highly successful professional surveying practices," he said.

COMPANY NEWS

NORTH SEA & GENERAL OIL INVESTMENTS

North Sea & General Oil Investments: No dividend (nil) for 1985. Turnover £14.36 million (£13.14 million). Pre-tax loss £4.48 million (£1.93 million profit). Loss per share 20.62p (1.74p earnings).

CONCENTRIC: Half-year to March 29, 1986. Interim dividend 1.56p (1.35p), payable July 1. Sales £30.55 million (£29.14 million). Pre-tax profit £1.54 million (£1.05 million). Earnings per share 4.8p (3.22p).

DAVIDSON PEARCE: Mr Christopher Pearce, the chairman, told the annual meeting that this year the company will have the benefit of new business acquired recently, but some of this is likely to be offset by reductions in some existing client-expenditure. Nevertheless, the company is confident that on present forecasts, it can look forward to another successful year in 1986.

WILLIAM MORRIS FINE ARTS: Turnover £1.45 million (£5.29 million) for 1985. Pre-tax loss £2.73 million (£755,000 profit). Loss per share 7.88p (2.53p earnings).

COOKSON GROUP: The North American subsidiary, Cookson America, has agreed with Parapanema sa Mineracao Industria e Construcao, the Brazilian tin producer and one of the world's largest suppliers of pure grade tin, to market its Mamore brand of tin on an exclusive basis in

North America, Europe and some other areas.

PARKLAND TEXTILE HOLDINGS: Year to Feb. 28, 1986. Total dividend 4.8p (4.8p). Turnover £54.31 million (£48.32 million). Pre-tax profit £48.32 million (£2 million). Earnings per share 10.42p (28p).

TURNER & NEWALL: Sir Francis Tombs, the chairman, told the annual meeting that he expects 1986's profits to show an improvement on 1985.

FARNELL ELECTRONICS: The company is to buy Astronic, an electronic component distributor based in Munich, West Germany, which had a turnover of £9.9 million in 1985.

WARNFORD INVESTMENTS: Total dividend for 1985 17p (14.5p). Turnover £6.22 million (£5.5 million). Pre-tax profit £4.87 million (£4.2 million). Earnings per share 29.42p (23.16p).

SYLTONE: The board warns that the pre-tax profit for 1985-86 will be substantially less than 1984-85's £1.36 million, but it intends to maintain the dividend at 10p per share.

BESPAK: The company has agreed, subject to approval by the shareholders of Redland Medical, to subscribe about £306,000 for 1.69 million of the company's ordinary shares. Following this, Bespak will own just less than 50 per cent of the capital. Redland, based in Bridgwater, Somerset, manufac-

tures plastic disposable products in the ostomy and urology fields for the health-care industry.

WALTER RUNGMAN: Total dividend for 1985 5p (same). Turnover £32.23 million (£30.93 million). Pre-tax profit £1.41 million (£468,000). Extraordinary debit £377,000 (£421,000). Earnings per share, before extraordinary debit, 15.66p (6.05p).

AARONSON BROS: The offer for Saw Mills has become unconditional to all recipients, having been accepted for 117,975 shares (94 per cent).

RENAISSANCE ENERGY: The company and Burns Fry, a Canadian broker, have concluded a Can\$15 million (£7 million) financing agreement for the issue of 600,000 special warrants exchangeable into 600,000 cumulative, redeemable convertible, 8.5 per cent second preferred shares, series "B" of Renaissance. This agreement calls for the private placement of the issue with institutional and other investors. Burns Fry is committed to purchase up to Can\$10 million of the issue. These shares are convertible into common shares at any time before July 1, 1991, at Can\$10.25 a common share.

The funds will be used mainly to acquire low-cost, long-term reserves by exploration and purchase and will permit the company to accelerate installation of gas-processing and gathering systems.

General Accident

THREE-MONTHS RESULTS

The results for the three months ended 31st March 1986, estimated and unaudited, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1985, which are restated at 31st December 1985 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1985. It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

Table with 4 columns: 3 Months to 31.3.86 Estimate £ millions, 3 Months to 31.3.85 Estimate £ millions, 1985 Year Actual £ millions. Rows include Premium Income (General Business, Long Term Business), Investment Income, Underwriting - General Business Result, Long Term Business Profits, Less Interest on Loans, Profit (Loss) before Taxation, Taxation - U.K. and Overseas, Minority Interests and Preference Dividend, Net Profit (Loss) attributable to Shareholders, and Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

Table with 4 columns: 3 months to 31.3.86 Premium Income £M, 3 months to 31.3.85 Underwriting Result £M, 3 months to 31.3.85 Premium Income £M, 3 months to 31.3.85 Underwriting Result £M. Rows include U.K., U.S.A., EEC other than UK, Canada, Australia, Others, including Loodoo Market business.

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 22.9% and 15.1% respectively. The 1986 figures include the results of Pilot Insurance of Canada for the first time. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations and Pilot, the increases were 19.3% and 9.4% respectively. In the United Kingdom, net written premiums were £169.5m (1985 £133.3m) and there was an underwriting loss of £27.0m (1985 £30.9m loss). The high claims frequency in the Motor account continued in the first quarter to produce a loss of £8.6m (1985 £7.7m loss). The impact of increased premium rates in the Homeowners' account was more than offset by the seasonal weather claims and resulted in a loss of £13.7m (1985 £10.3m loss). The Commercial Property account benefited from both rate increases and a reduction in large Industrial Fire claims and, despite weather losses, reported a sharply reduced loss of £5.3m (1985 £10.4m loss). Liability classes showed a satisfactory improvement.

In the United States, net written premiums were \$277.1m (1985 \$240.3m) and the operating ratio was 113.97% as compared with 119.75% for the same period in 1985. On the United Kingdom accounting basis the underwriting loss was £26.0m (1985 £32.1m loss). There was improvement in Commercial Lines, which benefited from rating increases, but Personal Lines showed some further small decline. Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £10.5m (1985 £14.7m loss). Results in Canada, Australia and most other territories show welcome improvement on 1985 experience but France and Netherlands were disappointing. There was a satisfactory improvement in London Market experience.

New annual premiums for life business in the United Kingdom for the three months were £5.8m (1985 £5.9m) and single premiums £5.1m (1985 £31.0m).

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Canadians join move to London Bridge

The Canadian Imperial Bank is joining Lloyds Bank in taking space in the St Martins Property Corporation's London Bridge development on the south side of the Thames. Canadian Imperial is about to sign a lease for 150,000 sq ft of space in The Cottons, one of the build-

ings making up the one million sq ft first phase of the scheme stretching along the river from London Bridge to Tower Bridge. Greatfell & Colegrave, the stockbroker now owned by Canadian Imperial, will be joining other stockbrokers in The Cottons. St Martins, the property

company owned by the Kuwait Investment Office, is to develop the next major phase of its project after the successful letting of virtually the whole of phase one. The scheme has come on to the market in time for the City's big bang, which has resulted in big financial con-

glomerates looking for offices which can accommodate 24-hour trading and large numbers of staff under one roof. The letting agents are Baker Harris Saunders and Jones Lang Wootton. Merrill Lynch, the US financial conglomerate, is to sublet one million sq ft of

space in the Two World Financial Centre, Battery Park City, New York. Merrill Lynch, which recently took the 250,000 sq ft Ropemaker Place scheme in the City of London - developed by London & Edinburgh Trust - has just under four million sq ft of space at Battery Park City, a huge redevelopment in Manhattan.

Landauer Associates, the US estate agent which is part owned by Hillier Parker, the British surveyor, and Baring Brothers & Co., has been instructed by Merrill Lynch Commercial Realty to sublet the space. Hillier Parker is the sub-agent in London.

Space Planning Services, the office planning and interior design company, is to come to the Unlisted Securities Market next month.

The placing will be sponsored by Chase Manhattan Securities, the new subsidiary of Chase Manhattan Bank, formed through the amalgamation of Laurie Millbank and Simon & Coates. Pre-tax profits at SPS rose from £42,000 for the year to June 30 1982 to £301,000 in the year to June 30 1985.

Marks and Spencer and Tesco are planning to develop two linked stores on a 76-acre site of Sandhurst, Berkshire, after announcing their intention of working together to obtain planning consents for out-of-town stores.

The Sandhurst scheme for an 80,000-sq ft M&S store and a 70,000 sq ft Tesco store has yet to be approved by Bracknell District Council.

There would be 2,300 parking spaces and a petrol station with a free park-and-ride bus service. The site, surplus to Ministry of Defence needs, is at the junction of the A30 and the M3 link road. The project managers and developers are Rosehaugh Duggan and Insight Securities.

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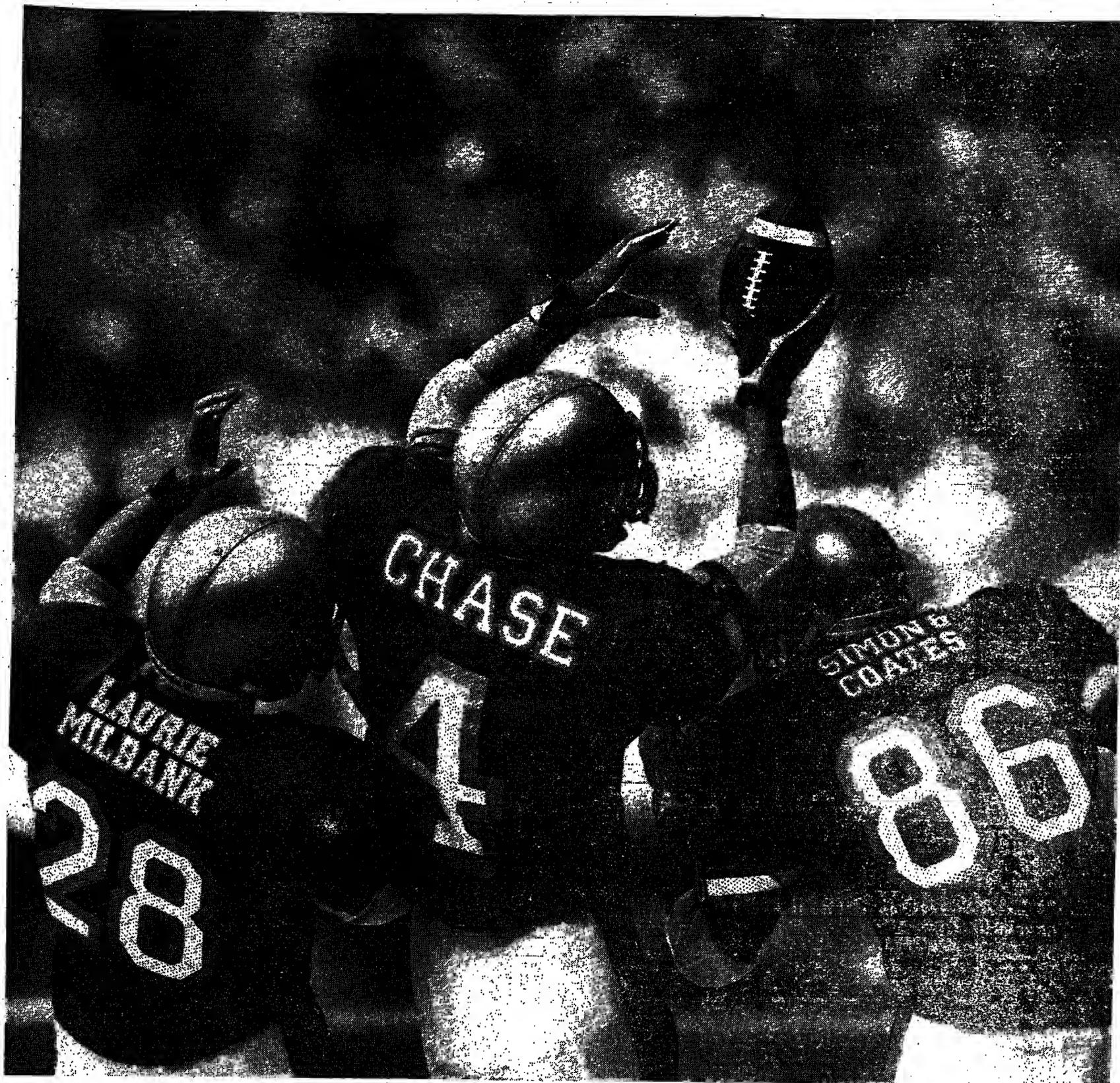
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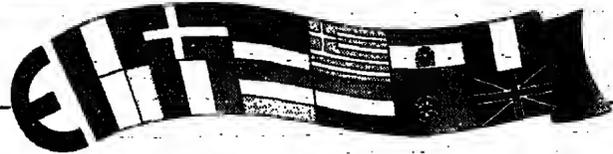
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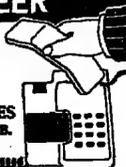
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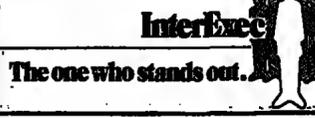
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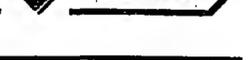
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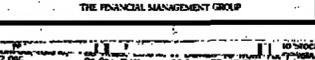
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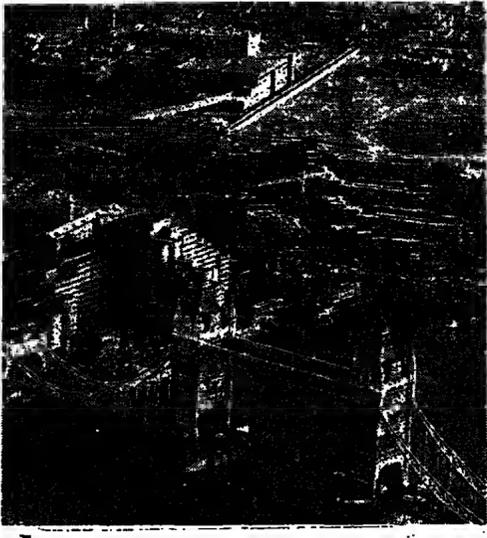
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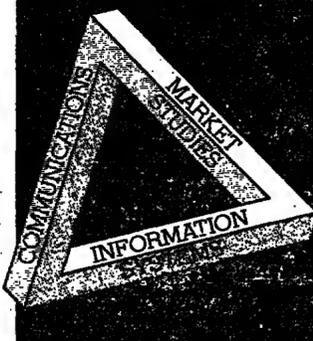
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Some years ago when I was working overseas on a government aid project an acquaintance decided to take me down a peg or two.

He related how he had recently attended a meeting with various government officials during which he had tried to sell some of his company's products.

The discussion was forthright and during it he noticed a quiet, unassuming European at the end of the table who said nothing. My friend sought to bring him into the deliberations.

"Oh, don't bother about him," retorted the chairman. "He's only our expert."

At that time I was blessed with the label "expert". It was just a convenient title to describe virtually everyone whose salary was being paid by a donor country.

However, unlike the gentleman in the story, I believe I was making a useful contribution to the host country rather than just being a status symbol.

This story came back to me as I was glancing at a handbook from the Overseas Development Administration dealing with opportunities overseas with international organizations, such as the World Bank and the OECD. It would appear that a wide range of specialisms is required - from statisticians to seismologists and social welfare advisers.

The belief that working overseas is a young person's game is scotched in these pages. International organisations are much more interested in maturity and experience which can only be found in the 40 to 70 age group.

Such news will offer encouragement to UK citizens who have been turned down for jobs at home because they are "too old".

You do not necessarily need plenty of overseas experience to be considered for a post of this kind. I remember coming across an elderly cotton technologist in

Experts are more than convenient titles for overseas posts paid for by a donor country. Roger Jones considers what it is the experts are setting out to achieve



Another attribute is the ability to relate your knowledge and experience to the needs of your host country. Running a library in the tropics presents certain problems unlikely to be found in a research library in the UK, for instance.

There your concern might be not which computerized checking-out system to install but how to stop cockroaches devouring the books.

A good working relationship with your local counterpart is essential. You should not underestimate either their skills or their knowledge. Indeed some may well have Ph.Ds.

In many cases the locals have the capacity to carry out a certain project, but lack the confidence to do so, particularly if considerable investment is involved.

Normally your colleagues will prove co-operative and helpful. If their attitude is less welcoming, there is probably some good reason for it. There have been projects, for example, which have suffered from a succession of experts, each offering conflicting advice.

As a result, the local counterparts become so demoralized that they show indifference to any further points of view offered.

You too, will have your share of frustrations which are different from those encountered at home though not necessarily more numerous. Inadequate communications and bureaucratic delays are the problems most expatriates have to contend with.

However much you might yearn to crack the whip, you have to desist. You are not in a position to give orders, and if you attempt to do so you will encounter hostility.

Your task is to assist and advise, and this involves the virtues of tact and patience.

It is, of course, dangerous to generalise about the nature of an expert's role, since assignments can differ, and so can the level of sophistication of the countries to which one is sent. It is vital to ensure you are properly briefed about your task.

It is advisable to acquire as much knowledge about the local people and their customs. You won't make a favourable impression with a strict Muslim, for example, if you down several double brandies in his presence.

What kind of people are required for international assignments of this nature? Interestingly, the ODA are more specific about the type of person for which there are few openings in this field, notably, industrial executives and retired officers from the armed forces.

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The booklet mentioned is obtainable from the International Recruitment Unit, ODA, Abercrombie House, Engleham Road, East Kilbride, Glasgow G75 8EA. Its full title is Opportunities Overseas in International Organisations. ODA also recruits for British Government-funded projects.

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The second rank are standing firm

Big guns primed for the battle

By Keith Macklin

The big battles seem set to achieve their revolution at the Rugby League's annual meeting next month, despite an energetic and skillful campaign waged by leading second division clubs to counter the proposals.

The clubs from the lower division are reluctant to accept that the greater share of television pool and sponsorship money should go to the successful glamour clubs who bring in the cash, and they are preparing to fight tooth and nail to prevent any such a move. The proposal which goes a long way towards providing the "super-league" status and fixture list demanded by first division clubs, who are spearheaded by Wigan, the best supported club in the league. A logical step in view of this proposal, is that these clubs will be relegated next season, but only one promoted. It is on this issue that the second division leaders have been most vocal.

This season at least six second division teams had until the inter stages, entertained hopes of gaining one of three promotion places, in what was expected to be a tight race. Next season, if only one club is destined to go up, the interest could centre on only two clubs, as was underlined by the way Leigh and Barrow ran today with the first two places in 1986. Consequently a vigorous lobby has been created by leading second division sides, with the aim of preventing certain of the more controversial "super-league" proposals from gaining the necessary two-thirds majority at the annual meeting. Since several clubs were missing from the meeting of the council

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Keith Macklin

which proposes the changes, these second division clubs hope to overturn the proposed plans for promotion and relegation, or at least replace it with a motion more favourable to the smaller clubs. One such club, Rochdale Hornets, who just missed out on promotion, have tabled a motion calling for five downs and three ups.

Derby Brown, the secretary of Blackpool Borough said: "Under the new proposals the status of promotion is reduced to the status of a mere formality. It is by no means certain that the proposals will get the required two-thirds majority and there is a lot of opposition to it."

Fred Wood, chairman of the reformed Rochdale Hornets said: "Under the new proposals only one club at 20 promoted next season and this is unfair. Five should come down and three go up." Another chairman, however, is not so certain. In Wigan's Ian Carr, whose club has been relegated to the second division after a season in the top flight. He is concerned by the serious financial implications for already over-indebted clubs and claims that several division sides will have to leave £15,000 a season.

Officials believe that five downs and three ups would lead to an unbalanced and unworkable league with the danger of good and well supported clubs going down, while poorly supported clubs with little growth potential could scrape into the third promotion place.

Miller player of year and Man of Steel

Australians took two of the top individual awards last night when the game's premier award ceremony was held at Salford (Keith Macklin writes). The Man of Steel presentation, sponsored by General Whitley, saw Gavin Miller of Hull and Kingston Rovers lose forward, voted Man of Steel by his fellow professionals after earlier in the evening taking the prize as the first division Player of the Year.

Chris Anderson, who as player-coach of Salford, failed to win the award, was also nominated for the award. The award is presented to the best player in the division and is voted for by the other professionals. Miller, who won Man of the Match awards in more than half the games played by Hull Kingston Rovers this season, received a cheque for £1,500 and a £300 memento in the form of a silver champagne goblet.

Anglers step up battle against farm pollution

By Conrad Voss Bark

An appeal for funds to fight the increasing amount of farm pollution of rivers is being made by the Anglers Co-operative Association, the privately funded body set up 40 years ago to lobby politicians to court because of official reluctance to act. Last year the ACA obtained £25,600 in damages for pollution on the rivers Torridge, Sow and Wye and on still waters at Excheater and Haddfield.

The ACA's director, Allen Edwards, says the increase in farm pollution cases this year is a particular cause for concern. "We have a membership made up of 125 trade members, 1,001 clubs and 8,219 individuals but we need far more help to cover our costs. As the number of cases this year our legal committee is considering 35 applications for investigation or litigation and more are coming in all the time. The fear is, of course, we may not be able to cope with all the applications, help, though we shall make every effort to do so," he says.

Water authority officials are still reluctant to take polluters to court. This is partly because they feel that a costly and lengthy approach, which merely gives advice and a warning, is more effective, partly because litigation costs time and money. Another factor which is not mentioned but which is relevant is that they would be prosecuted for their own customers, for farmers and farm industries are big users of water.

Boxing

Paris (Reuter) - Julio Cesar Chavez will bank on his powerful punch to help him extend his six-year unbeaten record by successfully defending his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight title here tonight.

The Mexican faces Faustino Barrios, of Argentina, for the fourth defence of the title he won from another Mexican, Mario Martinez, in Los Angeles in 1984. Chavez, who is based in San Diego, has won 42 of his 49 contests inside the distance, "I know everybody expects me to win by a knock-out. Barrios won't last until the end," he said.

If Chavez wins he plans to defend again on June 13 at New York's Madison Square Garden against Johnny de La Rosa, of the United States.

In another WBC title contest the stylish Roman, who is only 5ft 7in, says he is not worried by Montserrat's considerable height advantage. "We picked him specially because he is tall, just like Watanabe. I enjoy boxing this kind of opponent," Roman said.

Today's fixtures

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP

(11.50, 5.00 over)

DERBY: Derbyshire v Minor Counties

CHESHIRE: Essex v Gloucestershire

WILTSHIRE: Gloucestershire v Somerset

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Dorset

LEICESTER: Middlesex v Combined

EDGEMONT: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

HEALING: Wiltshire v Scotland

FOOTBALL

Third division

Dorchester v Bristol

BUILDING SOCIETY EASTERN LEAGUE

Bradford Town v Featherston

Grays v Havering

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE

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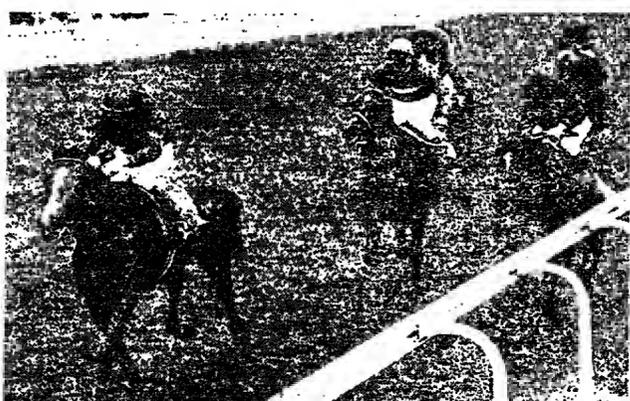
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Shahrestani no Shergar on York evidence

By Michael Seely
Shahrestani put up a workman-like rather than impressive Derby trial when beating Normrod by a length and a half to the Mecca-Dante Stakes at York yesterday.



Shahrestani draws clear of Normrod and Sirk in York's Mecca-Dante Stakes

All eyes will now be turned to the Curragh on Saturday when Fioravanti's mettles will be tested against Mer de France and Huntingdale in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. The remaining clues may be unearthed at Goodwood next Wednesday when Allez Milord, Jarrett and Tanager are already under orders for the Predominant Stakes.

PROSPECTS FOR FINAL DAY OF YORK
Phardante should outclass Yorkshire Cup rivals

By Michael Phillips
Having beaten last year's Derby winner, Slip Anchor, in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket 13 days ago, Phardante now looks poised to lift the Yorkshire Cup at York this afternoon.

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York selections

Table listing horse selections for various races with names and odds.

4.0 DUKE OF YORK STAKES

Table listing horse selections for the Duke of York Stakes.

Brighton

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Ludlow selections

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Sandown selections

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7.45 BERRYLANDS HANDICAP

Table listing horse selections for the Berrylands Handicap.

Hill disqualified

John Hill, the Barnstaple trainer, has his licence withdrawn at a Jockey Club inquiry yesterday.

UTTOXETER

Table listing horse selections for Uttoxeter races.

Nottingham

Table listing horse selections for Nottingham races.

Today's course specialists

Table listing course specialists for various tracks.

Blunder first time

YORK: 2.35 Handicap, 3.55 Maiden, 4.10 Handicap, 4.40 Handicap, 5.10 Handicap.

Uttoxeter selections

Table listing horse selections for Uttoxeter races.

RUGBY UNION: MEADS ORDERED TO EXPLAIN HIS INVOLVEMENT IN TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA

New Zealand officials step cautiously in challenge to Cavaliers

The New Zealand Rugby Council, caught off-guard last year by a legal challenge to their authority and aware of the growing tendency to invoke civil law if the rights of individuals seem to be infringed, stepped with great caution yesterday when they discussed the unofficial New Zealand Cavaliers' tour to South Africa.

International board move on expulsion

The International Rugby Board (IRB) has set machinery in motion that could lead to South Africa's expulsion from its ranks because of the country's involvement in the unauthorised New Zealand tour there. Any such step would be fiercely contested.

Millar's reason to feel aggrieved

Robert Millar, after riding one of the best races of his career two days ago, justifiably felt robbed of victory in the 41st Tour of Spain. Video footage of the final time trial at Jerez de la Frontera shows that a photographic agency motor-cycle rode alongside the winner Alvaro Pino on the most exposed section of the course, protecting him from a fierce headwind.

Patron found for world's greatest show

The world championships, which will be held in Nottingham from August 17 to 24, have found a sponsor in Norwich Union for an undisclosed amount (Jim Ratford writes). The event, in which more than 40 nations are expected to compete, will be transmitted by the BBC to many countries.

Tuesday's cricket

Benson and Hedges Cup: Cambridge Combined Universities 81; Kent 84 for two. Kent won by eight wickets.

Trent Bridge: Scotland 166 for six (11; Philp 73; Nottinghamshire 170 for two (1; Gooch 54; Gloucestershire 254 for none (C W J Athey 78). Essex won by 17 runs.

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Christchurch on June 28. Nominations for the North Island-South Island match and the New Zealand trial (on June 18 and 21) close on May 19 and the obvious inference is that players who do not appear in these games - on the other hand, Wales Cup match (June 5) or the New Zealand Maoris internal tournament (June 7-14) - will not be considered for selection against France. The Cavaliers are scheduled to complete their tour on May 31.

Finally the council will review the appointment as a selector of Meads, who has been invited to make his views known to his colleagues. He has been out of the country since April and will not return until early June and the council may take the view that he will have difficulty fulfilling his selector's role.

Ces Blazey, the retiring chairman of the council, stressed that the council are adhering closely to the advice of their selectors. "If anyone has any thoughts at all that the reason for this action is that we are trying to sweep everything under the carpet, forget it!" he said in Wellington yesterday.

CYCLING

This week and next Millar is competing in some small races in the Netherlands before returning to Spain for an exhibition race on May 24, followed by the Tour of Aragon from May 26 to June 2. "My last race before France will be the Tour of Switzerland in mid-June," he said.

ROWING

Peter Coni, QC, the chairman of the world championships organizing committee, said yesterday that he was pleased to see that the company which supports the event will be in running what will be the greatest rowing competition ever staged. And I have every confidence that that support the championships "will prove to be a great success."

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Colin Meads: future as New Zealand selector in the balance

TENNIS

Nystrom getting into his stride

Joakim Nystrom, after a mild hiccup at Forest Hills last week, is back in his long, smooth stride here at the Foro Italico. In front of an appreciative crowd seeking shade under the pine trees at the back of the club, the least celebrated of the four Swedes in the world top 10 stroked his way past an old nemesis, Eliot Teltscher, 7-6, 6-1, to reach the third round of a nine Italian Open.

BOXING

Lloyd Honeyghan, the British, Commonwealth and European welterweight champion, is making plans for his title bout against Donald Curry, the world champion, even though he has said to beat the World Boxing Council No. 1, Horace Shufford, in a final eliminator at Wembley Arena on May 20.

RACKETS

William Boone, the world champion, and James Leonard opened David Norman, the former United States Open champion, and David McLernon from Montreal in the final of the Masters over-40s.

FOOTBALL: NORWAY'S WIN IS ENCOURAGING NEWS FOR FERGUSON

Scotland's comfort is that Denmark also have problems

There is hope for Scotland yet. Deprived of Kenny Dalglish for the World Cup, they are expected for high altitude training in Santa Fe, New Mexico yesterday, with their manager Alex Ferguson knowing that Denmark, their first opponents in Mexico, have their problems too.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with columns for Baseball, National League, Basketball, Boxing, and Tennis. Includes scores and player names.

Preacher's son on a mission improbable

Howard Clark's determination to prove his prowess in the August golf arena will provide him with the incentive to capture the £25,000 first prize in the Peugeot Spanish Open which starts today on the La Moraleja course in Madrid.

GOLF

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Mexico's world festival of cheats

When Stephen Potter invented the word "gamesmanship" he defined it as "the art of winning without actually cheating."

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Table of TV and radio programmes for BBC 1, TV-AM, BBC 2, and Channel 4.



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Peter Davalle

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Graham for Arsenal as Spurs eye Pleat

By Clive White

The North London giants, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur, always thinking to upstage one another in some way, continued to monopolise the news yesterday. Following Tuesday night's announcement that Peter Shreeve had been dismissed as manager by Tottenham, Arsenal unveiled their new manager yesterday morning, George Graham, from Millwall.

Tottenham, not to be outdone, proclaimed that they were interviewing David Pleat, of Luton Town, for their vacant managerial seat. He will make his decision today, which seems certain to be in the affirmative.

The appointment of Graham, a member of Arsenal's double-winning team of 1970-71, follows Arsenal's rebuff to Tottenham's offer.



Graham: back at Highbury

last month by Terry Venables, the manager of Barcelona. It was the climax to an embarrassing episode for the London club during which an indignant Don Howe resigned upon learning of Arsenal's approach to Venables. Steve Burtenshaw, the chief coach, had been in charge of first team affairs since then.

By coincidence, Graham was a former colleague of Venables at Chelsea and at Crystal Palace. "He is the best man for the job," Denis Hill-Wood, the Arsenal chairman, said yesterday. "He has worked under Bertie Mee, Terry Venables, Don Howe and Dave Sexton — and you could not have four better turn of hands than that."

Graham said: "My ambition was always to manage one of the top clubs. Arsenal are not only one of the best, they are the club." They are also probably the most difficult club in the country to manage, quite apart from the usual excessive demands for success associated with most big clubs. The comment by Tony Shaw, the Millwall chief executive, was perhaps not without some poignancy when he said: "Graham is honest, straightforward and very strong on discipline. With those qualities, he is the ideal person to take charge at Arsenal."

Bringing the jet-set to heel will be Graham's stiffest task and it will be interesting to see whether he can motivate Nicholas, a fellow Scot, to the heights rarely touched since

his much publicized move from Celtic three seasons ago. Graham has won respect for the way he steered Millwall through a turbulent period following the infamous pitched battle involving their supporters at Kenilworth Road last year.

The ticket restrictions on Millwall's home games that followed those scenes hit the club hard financially, but Graham led them to a respectable ninth position in the second division having gained promotion the previous season. They also reached the sixth round of the FA Cup in 1985 and the fifth last season. In a playing career spanning 16 years, Graham, who won 12 caps for Scotland, performed for Aston Villa, Chelsea, Manchester United, Portsmouth and Crystal Palace as well as Arsenal. He is 41.

Mr Hill-Wood said: "I slightly resent the idea that we have been dithering about finding a replacement. We have discussed many names."

The move came to fruition at the FA Cup Final on Saturday when Mr Hill-Wood, observing the rule which prevents contact with a manager during the league season, spoke to his opposite number at Millwall, Alan Thorn, about releasing Graham from his contract. Millwall has received a "substantial" compensation.

They are now looking for a young replacement for Graham.

David Evans, the Luton chairman, gave permission yesterday for Tottenham to

interview his club's manager, but has asked Pleat not to leave. Pleat, who has been manager for nearly nine years, is a director of the club and on a five-year rolling contract. Pleat said: "It has been a dream at Luton. It will take a very good club to get me away from here. But I owe it to myself and my family to listen to what Spurs have to say."

One sensed this season that Pleat, who is also 41 and a former Luton player, realized that he had fulfilled his potential at the small Bedfordshire club.

Luton's narrow defeat to Everton in the latter stages of the FA Cup for the second consecutive year was further painful proof of that fact. But he is ambitious and I remember well last season after Luton had stylishly outplayed Tottenham at White Hart Lane, how wide-eyed he was at the facilities and scope that a club like Tottenham can afford.

George Burley, the Sunderland full back who missed the last seven matches of the season, and goalkeeper Bob Bolder have had minor operations. Burley, the former Scottish international needed his to ease pressure on a calf injury.

Bolder, who spent the last two months of the season on loan to Luton, has had a troublesome foot. Both will be available for the start of next season.

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England are playing it safe

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Colorado Springs

Even though England's preparations are being conducted at a slow, leisurely pace, the four representatives from Everton are being left behind. They missed the first official game of the trip, against the local air force last Sunday, and the second, last night, against appreciably stronger opposition in the shape of the South Koreans.

They will not be involved, either, in the third — against Mexico, the World Cup hosts, in Los Angeles on Saturday afternoon. Since Bobby Robson is certain to select at least two of them (Lincker and Stevens) for the opening tie in Monterrey, England's only genuine practice match will be against Canada in Vancouver on Saturday week.

Disconcerting though that may be, concern has also been growing about Bryan Robson and the Achilles tendon that he strained while running on a hard surface. England's manager has already conceded that he may have to "throw his captain into the World Cup without playing a game and he could crack up."

But Robson, the player, and Wilkinson, who has been suffering from a slight knee ailment,

were able to put away the bicycles on which they had been keeping in trim, and join their colleagues in action on Tuesday afternoon. The rest of the party is in suspiciously good health and humour.

No risks are being taken with the Everton quartet. Since arriving belatedly on Monday night, they have done nothing at all.

Luxurious setting

But before anyone starts to imagine there is a bunch of apathetic layabouts in the England camp, it should be pointed out they are following the strict instructions of the team doctor.

Vernon Edwards ordered them to take no physical exercise for 48 hours. Their light training will become gradually more strenuous only after their colleagues have left for California. They are not, however, being treated harshly — as a small picture of the environment which surrounds them here will illustrate.

The name of the hotel, the Broadmoor, is grossly mis-

leading, especially for those in the West Country of England. It is not so much a lonely prison in isolation, but a self-contained, exclusive village that lies in the shadow of the towering peaks of the snow-capped Rocky Mountains.

High above the luxurious setting, a familiar sound can be heard. A granite sludge, built less than a mile away on the steeply rising slopes of Cheyenne Mountain, is fitted with an amplified vibraphone. On the boat, each hour, it rings out the same chime as Big Ben in Westminster Square.

The facilities below would do justice to an expensive sports complex. They include three 18-hole golf courses (Hoddle, who currently can do no wrong, became the England squad champion on Monday), 16 tennis courts, shooting galleries, swimming pools and an indoor ice hockey rink.

All that is nothing compared to the centre down the road that belongs to the air force and where the squad has occasionally been practising. A car that enters the front gates must motor for another nine miles on a motorway, or freeway as it is called here, before reaching the exit on the other side.

The most impressive of the numerous buildings is a football stadium as big as Wembley with a roof on it. As Don Howe, the England coach, said: "You walk in there and you see this green synthetic pitch surrounded by a bright blue running track and you stop. The sheer size of it just takes your breath away."

Temperate climate

The springs that run from the highest point, Pikes Peak, are so clear that cattle are supposed to plod for many a mile to drink the refreshing water.

As the rest of the England squad flies east towards the heat, humidity and smog of Los Angeles, Everton's four members will stay here with Mike Kelly, the assistant coach, in a more temperate climate. The snow that fell a week ago has long since been melted by a sun that provides a regular temperature of some 75 degrees.

The four will jog around the lake, which measures three-quarters of a mile around its perimeter and sits in the middle of the hotel's grounds, and they will visit the huge air force base. Otherwise, they will relax in front of a spectacular, majestic view that Theodore Roosevelt, the former American president, described as "scenery that bankrupts the English language."

MOTOR RACING

De Angelis gravely ill after accident

By John Goodbody

Elio de Angelis, of Italy, the Formula One driver, was in a critical condition in hospital last night after his Brabham-BMW car slipped off a bend and caught fire during test runs on the French Riviera circuit of Le Castellet.

A spokeswoman for the Pirelli group said: "We have no details at the moment but it was a bad, bad accident." Pirelli supply tyres to the Brabham team and their technicians have been following the Italian's tests since Tuesday.

De Angelis, aged 28, the son of a wealthy Roman builder, joined Brabham this year after competing for several seasons with Lotus and finishing third in the 1984 world championship. But he has had a series of disappointing results as his Brabham car suffered from several technical difficulties because of its radically new design with a semi-reclining driving position and a seven-speed gearbox.

He moved to the circuit at Le Castellet, near Toulon, after failing to finish in Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix and has yet to score any points in the present world championship. But De Angelis and his fellow Italian, Riccardo Patrese, have been gradually

overcoming their problems and were expected to make a stronger showing in the next grand prix, the Belgian, at Spa on May 25.

De Angelis has been a glamorous figure in international motor racing. He has always been attracted by dangerous competitions in speed and took part in the Torquey to Cowes powerboat race.

He was runner-up in the class one world karting championship in 1975 and European champion a year later. He began Formula Three racing in 1976 and won the Munnac Formula Three race in 1978; the same year he was also competing in Formula Two. The following year he made his Formula One debut in Argentina and has so far taken part in 108 grand prix races with two victories.

These two wins were totally different. In 1982 he edged out Keke Rosberg, of Finland, in the Austrian Grand Prix in one of the most enthralling finishes in history. Last year he won the San Marino Grand Prix when many of his main rivals ran out of fuel on the Imola track.

His reputation was for collecting points rather than aggressive driving from the front



On the ball: Mandlikova, of South Africa, gets in a backhand return against Courteen, of France, in the LTA satellite tournament at Lee-on-Solent (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Navratilova caps muscular display with easy victory

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, West Berlin

A light, refreshing shower, so delicately inconsequential that it amounted to little more than a hint of rain, briefly interrupted play in the German women's championships here yesterday.

In the main stadium they simply had to stop, because Martina Navratilova and the umpire were both wearing glasses. When play was resumed, Miss Navratilova was disgraced under a cap with such a heavy-rain-defying peak that it was as if much of the court had suddenly been roofed.

"One day the glasses fog up," Miss Navratilova said later, with feeling, "and another day you have to put a cap on to keep the rain away and I've got a stigmatism and I can't use contact lenses."

She was playing here, she said, for two reasons. She had heard nothing but compliments about the tournament (and it was all true) and she wanted a week's competition on European shale as part of her preparations for the French Championships.

A week's competition, followed by a week of practice free from mental stress is a reliable routine before a grand slam tournament. It has not escaped Miss Navratilova's notice that Chris Lloyd won here last year before narrowly beating her in the best French

final for 26 years, which is as far back as I go. Yesterday, Miss Navratilova won 6-1, 6-3 against the unusually leggy Elina Reinach, of Johannesburg, aged 17.

A spectator new to the circuit was impressed by the structural connections between Miss Navratilova's arms: "Are they muscles, or shoulder pads?" They are, of course, muscles; and they should be well exercised during a week in which the draw says Miss Navratilova must play Catarina Lindqvist, Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Steffi Graf in turn.

Miss Lindqvist must first get past Jo Durie (back on active service after two months off) or Iva Budarova. At the other end of the draw Miss Graf will probably have to get rid of Hana Mandlikova or Helena Sukova.

As all those names suggest, the draw could not be much stronger. Yesterday Miss Graf, Miss Mandlikova and Miss Sukova warmed up in the company, respectively, of Amy Holton (United States), Louise Field (Australia) and one of those inevitable Swedes, Helena Dahlstrom.

The German women's championships moved here from Hamburg in 1979 and has become such a popular festival that the charming old

Red and White Club, perched among trees above a lake, has more customers than seats. But the main stadium has been expanded to hold 5,000 people and the second "show" court now has room for 2,500.

At the weekend the outside courts will accommodate a junior tournament, the competitors including a British brace — Chris Bailey, Ansten Brice, Laurence Matthews and Mark Petchey — who flew here yesterday in the charge of Buster Mottram, a mixture of manager, father-figure and tour guide.

These days, international junior competition is well organized, with a co-ordinated series of tournaments and regularly up-dated rankings. There was nothing like that in the days when a junior called Mottram was swapping shots with a junior called Borg.

RESULTS: First round: L. Field (AUS) 6-2, 6-1; H. Mandlikova (CZ) 6-4, 6-3; G. Lindqvist (SWE) 6-4, 6-2; H. Dahlstrom (SWE) 6-3, 6-3; P. Huber (AUT) 6-1, 6-1; M. Mandlikova (CZ) 6-4, 6-4; C. Tanner (FR) 6-2, 6-1; T. Petchey (GB) 6-2, 6-0; E. Reinach (RSA) 6-4, 6-3; M. Navratilova (CZ) 6-1, 6-1; H. Sukova (CZ) 6-2, 6-1; H. Dahlstrom (SWE) 6-3, 6-3; L. Garrison (FR) 6-1, 6-4; H. Mandlikova (CZ) 6-4, 6-4.

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A hero back at the helm

By Barry Fickshall

White Chris Law and Eddie Warden-Owen battle it out in their attempt to assume Harold Cadmore's mantle at the Lynton Cup match-race championship this week. The Irish maestro is giving himself for a head-to-head series down. Under this weekend against the America's Cup-winning helmsman, John Burtenshaw.

The Australian here is stepping out of retirement to take the helm of South Australia, and add much-needed talent to the Australian yacht. The Australian yacht, who have been struggling against Crusader in the continuing tussle trials between the two 12 metres this month off Fremantle, Graham Walker, the British syndicate helmsman, is in Perth to watch the action and will be staying on to see Crusader II arrive from England next week.

Canada's True North syndicate are dead. Last-minute plans to amalgamate the Halifax-based group with their rivals from the Seacoast Yacht Club were killed by the dissent of legal action by the Royal Perth Yacht Club, who control the deed of gift governing the America's Cup, and the views of Bruce Kirby, the Canada II designer, who said that all his yacht needs are two winches, a boom and a Windex!

Jobson's new job breaks the link

Gary Jobson, the veteran America's Cup tactician who first made a name for himself sailing with Ted Turner on Crusader during the successful 1976 defence, has resigned from the Budy Melger-led Heart of America campaign just as their Chicago-based boat, launched this week, is about to commence trials off Newport against the New York Yacht Club's America II.

Jobson, who is also competing this week in the Lynton Cup, found that his direct link with one American syndicate was hampering his work as a television commentator on cup matters for the American ESPN channel.

Freeed from these ties, Jobson's first task as a full-time reporter was to travel to Honolulu last week to sail with Dennis Conner. He was able to quash rumours that the Sail America group had run short of funds.

On arrival in Lynton Jobson was asked to report that the man who appears on television commercials in Australia saying "remember me, I'm the man that lost the America's Cup" is hungry, well organized and has all the money he needs. The latest to sign up with Conner is Budweiser with a \$2 million cash injection which will easily cover the building programme for his fourth 12 metre under construction.

Space ship secret of the sailcloth

The second Gary Mail design built for the St Francis Yacht Club's problem-ridden Golden Gate challenge this year is being checked across America from its East Coast builder but not before being cut in half for minor modifications to have an eight-inch fillet added amidships after a mix-up over design details.

By all accounts, club members who have had to watch with increasing irritancy the pathetic performance of their first boat, USA, launched in February in trials against the six-year-old Clipper, are not amused. One acid remark heard last week was "designed by computer, built by robots and sailed by mortals".

After the success of the Briand-designed French Kiss at the recent world championship off Fremantle the Australian designer, Ben Lexcen, has drawn up his interpretation of her lines for testing at the Ship Model Basin in The Netherlands. The results indicate that the French have not made a breakthrough in design and this has led Lexcen to take a closer look at the French yacht's radical rig with its excessive rake.

One aspect that he might do well to investigate is the origin of the distinctive French sailcloth developed originally for a joint Russian-French space probe to Venus.

This partnership was eventually disbanded but not before the French Space Agency had developed the necessary material and tooling to produce the cloth in bulk, which might well have been scrapped had one researcher not been a keen board-sailor who saw another possibility for the cloth. Naturally enough, this multi-laminate material remains a closely guarded secret unavailable to syndicates outside France.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hagler is tempted

Los Angeles (AP) — Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight boxing champion, is to announce next month if he will accept a challenge from Sugar Ray Leonard and give the former welterweight champion a shot at his title.

Hagler, appearing on an American television programme, was making his first public comment since Leonard said he wanted a bout with Hagler earlier this month. Leonard, the 1976 Olympic Games light-welterweight champion, retired in 1982 — having been beaten only once in 33 bouts — after he was diagnosed as having a detached retina in an eye. He returned to the ring in 1984 for one fight when he knocked out Kevin Howard.

Yacht limps in

British Airways 1, the 60ft catamaran skippered by Rob-in Knox Johnston, was dismissed 70 miles north-east of St Ives, Cornwall, early yesterday morning while returning to Plymouth after setting a new sailing record around Ireland (Barry Pickthall writes). The yacht and her five-man crew were expected to reach St Ives under way late last night and the damage now places a serious question mark over the yacht's entry in next month's two-handed transatlantic race.

Coach Lloyd

Dan Lloyd, the former England basketball captain, has been appointed coach of Portsmouth (Nicholas Harling writes). He will succeed Danny Palmer, who resigned towards the end of last season by when it was obvious that Portsmouth would finish without any honours in spite of the money made available by their chairman.

Lloyd and another player, Alan Cunningham, took over as assistant coaches after Palmer's departure. Lloyd's first task will be to persuade players such as Cunningham and the club's English international, Colin Irish, to stay on.

427 entries

An entry of 427 has been received for this year's amateur golf championship to be played at Lytham St Annes between June 2 and 7, the Royal and Ancient announced yesterday. The field, which has been limited to 288, will comprise 204 entrants from Britain and Ireland and 84 from overseas. Fifty-five entrants with a handicap of three and 84 with a handicap of two have been balloted out.

Museum plan

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club have announced their intention to establish a golf museum at St Andrews. To be known as the British Golf Museum, it will be housed in a separate building to the clubhouse and open to the public.



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